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ANDREW, DELEGATE FOR JB ALBANY AND PATRICK, DELEGATE FOR JB MANUKAU, ON THE PICKET LINE AT QUEEN ST

MALL STRIKE HITS AUCKLAND!

Labour history was made as New Zealand had its first Mall workers strike at midday on Tuesday 25th May. Workers in JB Hi-Fi in Albany, organised with Unite, were on strike for better pay and against a culture of bullying and intimidation against union members.

“This is the first time that New Zealand workers have put up a picket line inside a mall,” Unite Campaigns Officer Joe Carolan said. “Mall workers have the right to join a union and a right to take strike action. We believe that under the Employment Relations Act they also have the right to picket their place of work.”

The strike was covered online by the NZ Herald, Stuff, Scoop and Yahoo news. Three days later, the workers in JB Wellington went on strike for a fifth time at their store, and were filmed by TV3’s the Nation programme. Campbell Live are now preparing a documentary on the JB workers cause, but CEO Richard Euchtritz has still not fronted up to debate with the union live on air, in front of millions of New Zealanders. Is he worried he won’t be able to defend himself in the public eye?

COME ON JB MANAGEMENT- ANSWER YOUR CALLS FROM CAMPBELL LIVE, AND DEBATE US ON AIR.



**TUESDAY IPM IN ALBANY- AND NO CUSTOMERS- THANKS TO THE STRIKERS PICKET LINE. VIDEO OF THE STRIKE IS ON YOUTUBE:
<http://bit.ly/bUY5Zj>**



**THEN FRIDAY- WELLINGTON STORE UNDER PICKET LINE- AND FILMED BY THE NATION FOR TV'S DOGO;
<http://bit.ly/adl8VM>**

IT'S TIME TO STRIKE BACK!

Shanna, Wellington delegate, talks about the experience of striking:

"There's a fear of the unknown, and it's normal to feel nervous before a strike- but a little part is excitement. It's good to remember that everybody feels nervous the first time- but nothing bad can happen to us, once you do it. To get anywhere with this company, we need as many people as we can to take industrial action together. It shouldn't just be a minority standing up- we should all do it together."



*"If anyone is concerned, talk to someone who has done it- 99.9% of people who've done it had an awesome experience. Talk to me at **022 657 5447**. We're building for a day of action across all the stores, which will end up with a protest outside Head Office in St Lukes with a seven metre tall Rat! We're going to get a huge amount of publicity, so make sure your store is organised!"*

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