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Brisbane rally vows long fight against privatisation

Rail workers had been “betrayed and sold out” by a State Labor Government planning to sell off Queensland railways, a Brisbane rally heard today.

Rail, Tram and Bus Union State President Bruce Mackie told nearly 1000 workers at the Roma Street Forum that the Labor Government would receive no support from the RTBU at the next election unless privatisation was dropped.

“I expect that this campaign will be fighting against privatisation right up to the next election,” Mr Mackie said, “and the Labor Party won’t be getting any support from our members”.

He thanked Brisbane residents at the rally for backing their colleagues in central Queensland, where small business operators and workers held fears for job security and regional economies.

Other union leaders addressed the large crowd before a peaceful march through Brisbane’s Central Business District ended outside Parliament House.

The RTBU has joined with other unions to fight against the Queensland government’s sell-off of rail, ports, roads and forestry assets.

“Politicians need to listen to the concerns of their constituents and reverse the decision to sell off our public assets,” Mr Mackie said.

A series of regional forums is being held to highlight the risks of privatization to regional and rural communities throughout Queensland.

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