

media release

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Change the rules rallies: Working people to march for better pay and secure work in scores of events around Australia

Thousands of Australians are expected to hit the streets in April and May in a significant escalation to the Change the Rules campaign demanding more secure work and fair pay.

The events will occur in major cities and regional communities across Australia.

People will march, rally and gather in Melbourne, Hobart, Canberra, Wollongong, Adelaide, Cairns, Toowoomba, Sydney, Fremantle, Southport, Sunshine Coast, Maryborough, Brisbane, Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay, Darwin and Thursday Island with more events being planned in regional centres across the country

The events and subsequent campaign activities will represent the largest mobilisation of working people since the Your Rights at Work campaign more than a decade ago.

The rollout was approved by the ACTU executive on Wednesday.

Many of the events will coincide with May Day celebrations, which mark International Workers Day.

Quotes attributable to ACTU Secretary Sally McManus:

"People around the country are ready to take action to change the rules and win more secure jobs and fair pay rises.

"They know big business has too much power, and they know that when working people join together we are mighty and unbreakable.

"Wherever I go in Australia I hear the same story –we are ready for change and willing to take action to make change."

"Anyone who wants to live in a better, fairer country, who wants more secure jobs and fairer pay rises, should attend these events and join the movement for change."

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