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ACTU helping people share their stories for sexual harassment inquiry

Australian unions will be making a submission to the Human Rights Commission sexual harassment inquiry and will be assisting people to share their own experiences of sexual harassment and sexual violence, anonymously if they wish.

Today, the ACTU is launching a survey which will allow working people – both members and non-members – to share their experiences. Personal information provided by respondents will be kept strictly confidential. However, workers who wish to share their story with the inquiry (anonymously if preferred) will be assisted to do so.

As with the Banking Royal Commission the ACTU believes that telling the stories of working people is a powerful tool to make those in power understand the scope of the problem and take action.

The Human Rights Commission inquiry into sexual harassment in Australian workplaces will shine much needed light on a broken system which is failing workers.

Everyone should be able to go to work in a safe environment, free of harassment. To get there, we need to keep exposing what's happening in workplaces.

Quotes attributable to ACTU President Michele O'Neil:

"Many of us have experienced being sexually harassed at work. It's shocking and hard to deal with.

"Everyone should be able to go to work in a safe environment, free of harassment. To achieve this we need to keep exposing what's happening in workplaces so our lawmakers get the full picture.

"If you have personally experienced or witnessed sexual harassment at work, we want to hear from you.

"We encourage everyone to submit their story and contribute to the inquiry, which has the potential to initiate real change for all Australians.

"Please take the survey and share the link below on social media.

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Survey available here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/shsurvey2018

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