

Australian Labour Party,

Fairfield Branch,

49 Wilga Street,

FAIRFIELD. N.S.W.

4th July, 1949.

The Prime Minister,
Rt. Hon. J.B. Chifley,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Fairfield (N.S.W.) Branch of the Australian Labour Party with reference to the action taken by the Federal Government relative to the Communist inspired strike on the Coalfields.

We believe the miners have just and legitimate claims for improved conditions, but we do not agree with the method adopted by their leaders, which has resulted in grave hardship to the people, mass unemployment and a lowering, for the time being, of the standard of living of many thousands of their fellow workers.

We believe the great majority of Unionists to be solidly behind you in your efforts to settle this dispute, and assure you of our continued support and co-operation now and in the future.

Yours faithfully,

L. J. Watts.

President.



THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

July 5th 1969

Presented for Consideration
By H.P. Lazzarini M.P.

A.L.P. - FAIRFIELD
(THROUGH H.P. LAZZARINI)

EWT:EJD.

12th July, 1949.

Dear Mr. Lazzarini,

I acknowledge your letter of the 5th instant enclosing communication received by you from Mr. C. J. Watts, Australian Labor Party, Fairfield Branch, 40 Wilga Street, Fairfield, N.S.W., regarding the claims of the miners and the present strike. I am very pleased to know that the Branch is in agreement with what the Government is doing in this matter.

With regard to the miners' claims, Mr. McGirr and I have said, and I repeat it, that this matter can be settled only by the proper arbitral tribunal - that is the Coal Industry Tribunal - and not in any other way.

The Federal and State Governments are not expressing any opinion as to the merits or demerits of claims made by the Miners' Federation. What the Governments say is: whatever these disputes may be and whatever their merits, the decision upon them must be made by the body appointed for that purpose, and they cannot hope to enforce their claims by the law of the jungle.

Yours sincerely,

(J. B. CHIFLEY)
PRIME MINISTER.

The Hon. H.P. Lazzarini, M.P.
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Commonwealth Offices,
SYDNEY N.S.W.

Secretary:
J. J. HOLLAND
56 McConnell Street
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15th. July, 1949.

Dear Mr. Chifley,

At the last meeting of the above named Branch, members requested that I write and congratulate you on the stand taken by you in regard to the "Strike" by the Coal Miners.

It was felt that this action though unpalatable was forced on you by the capricious actions of those whose interests you have at heart.

We feel the aim of this legislation is to see law and order preserved and the policy of arbitration for the settling of industrial disputes upheld.

Yours fraternally,

(K. HOLLAND).
Acting Secretary.

The Right Honorable,
The Prime Minister,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. F.C.T.

EWT:JL

1st August, 1949.

Dear Mr. Holland,

I desire to acknowledge your letter of the 15th July and wish to express to you and Members of your Branch my sincere thanks for your congratulations and endorsement of the stand taken by the Government in connection with the present coal strike.

Yours sincerely,

(J.B. CHIFLEY)
PRIME MINISTER.

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