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His Excellency Mr Fereidoun Haghbin
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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the 194,000 members of the Australian Education Union to express our solidarity with the thousands of workers protesting and striking across Iran.

Workers at the Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Industrial Complex have been on strike since 11 June to demand wages and social security benefits not paid since March, and workers at major refineries and industrial projects in the South Pars gas fields have been on strike since 1 August protesting the late payment of wages, poverty wages, insecure employment, and poor working and living conditions as they battle 50-degree heat.

The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) ranks Iran as among the worst countries in the world for workers, with no guarantee of rights.¹ We condemn the harassment and dismissals of workers, the repression of workers' demonstrations, and the arrests and imprisonment of workers and union leaders.

The Australian Education Union calls on the Iranian Government and employers to respect workers' rights, and for:

- the immediate payment of all unpaid salaries of striking workers;
- an end to dismissals and threats against workers' lives; and
- the unconditional release of all imprisoned workers.

We request that you urgently communicate this message to your Government. The Australian Education Union will continue to stand in solidarity with Iranian workers and closely monitor the workers' rights situation in Iran.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Hopgood
Federal Secretary

¹ https://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/ituc_globalrightsindex_2020_en.pdf