

Members Rally to Protect University Independence

NTEU members from Perth to Rockhampton took part in a National Day of Action on 1 June 2005 to protest the Federal Government's proposed Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements (HEWRRs).

Victoria

Melbourne saw a successful turnout of between 1,200–1,400 people. Two marches, one from the Victorian College of the Arts and the other from RMIT converged on the city from opposite ends of Swanston St, meeting at the Athenaeum Theatre for a highly successful meeting.

In **Geelong**, 300–350 Deakin members held a joint march with Gordon Institute of TAFE, with good local media coverage and other union support.

In **Ballarat**, 200 people participated in a march down the main street. In **Bendigo**, 40 people turned out for an evening public meeting, the first meeting as part of a community coalition-building campaign.

NSW

The march and rally in **Sydney** city centre had a good turnout of about 1,000 participants. At UWS 1,000 people attended meetings across

campuses. At Macquarie University, 200–250 people attended a rally on campus.

At SCU in **Lismore**, 200 attended a rally on campus. In **Wollongong** 500–600 participated in a march and rally, achieving good local media coverage and support from the CPSU.

In **Armidale**, 300 participated in a lunch-time rally at UNE, with the CPSU joining in at last minute.

At Charles Sturt University's Bathurst and **Wagga** campuses each saw 100 people rally, with good supportive media.

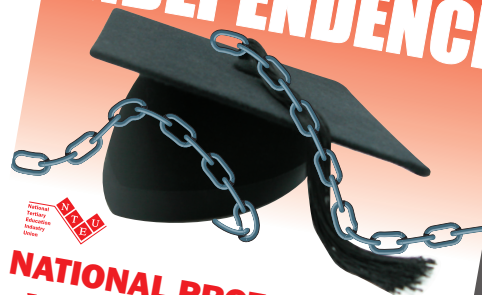
In **Newcastle**, CPSU had separate rally at last minute, and newspaper coverage was disappointing.

Queensland

The rally in **Brisbane** saw a disappointing 500 participants, but media coverage was good.

Across CQU's campuses, 100 people rallied in **Rockhampton**, all **Mackay** members sup-

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ported the local rally, and smaller numbers attended in **Gladstone** and **Bundaberg**.

At JCU, 100 participants attended a joint action with other unions, and video linked across 4 campuses in **Townsville** and **Cairns**.

In **Toowoomba**, 150 people attended a rally and campus BBQ at USQ.

Tasmania

An action at AMC in **Hobart** was disappointing, with no other union support, and no other formal actions.

WA

A march and rally in the **Perth** city centre received very good support, with the ABC reporting 2,000 participants.

SA

A successful march up **Adelaide's** main street, supported by the ASU and AEU, garnered adequate media.

ACT

A rally in **Canberra** saw 500 participants, with support from the CPSU, AEU and Opposition Education spokesperson, Jenny Macklin. It received good media coverage.

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Members march down Melbourne's Swanston St on 1 June 2005

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