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Treasurer Tim Pallas Abandons Casual Council Workers

The Andrews Government has abandoned casual local government workers who are out of work due to the closure of facilities and the failure of councils to redeploy them.

Australian Services Union secretary Lisa Darmanin said Dan Andrews must personally intervene to make sure casual council workers have similar support to casuals who work for the state government.

"Today Tim Pallas said the Andrews Government wasn't willing to step in to help the thousands of casual council workers who are not working because of the pandemic," Ms Darmanin said.

"Casual council workers need leadership from the Andrews Government not cold dismissal by Treasurer Tim Pallas of the plight faced by workers who aren't receiving a wage."

"The livelihoods of thousands of casual council employees have disappeared, and Treasurer Tim Pallas dismisses their plight as someone else's problem."

"Weeks ago, the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Jobs urged councils not to terminate or stand down workers."

"That did not work. Instead, the situation has escalated with thousands of casuals now without a pay packet."

"Tim Pallas is as incapable of showing leadership as the council CEOs who are abandoning these casual workers."

"The lowest-paid council workers shouldn't be without support while the three tiers of government argue about who is responsible."

"They need leadership not buck-passing by councils, state and federal governments."

"Only the immediate personal intervention of Premier Dan Andrews will avoid these workers being abandoned," Ms Darmanin said.