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TEACHERS CONCERNED AT REPORTS OF WIDESPREAD EXPLOITATION OF YOUNG WORKERS

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The NSW Teachers Federation has called an urgent meeting with the South Coast Labour Council to gather information about the systematic underpayments recently exposed in the Illawarra.

Deputy Secretary Maxine Sharkey will meet with Arthur Rorris, from the South Coast Labour Council at Lowden Square, Wollongong, at 11am tomorrow, Wednesday 13 December to discuss the impact on students, including school leavers.

“The Federation for some time has been deeply concerned about students and young people being exploited and underpaid by unscrupulous employers. We will seek details of the information uncovered by the South Coast Labour Council and assess how the Teachers Federation can join the campaign to ensure students’ industrial rights are protected.”

Teachers Federation members in schools and TAFE across NSW work with students who are potentially being exploited.

“Many school, TAFE and university students engage in casual and part time work. We will discuss with the South Coast Labour Council where Federation members can assist in supporting students’ knowledge of their industrial rights as part time and casual workers,” Ms Sharkey said.

Maxine Sharkey, NSW Teachers Federation, Deputy Secretary (Post School Education), will be available for interviews.

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