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National Launch

100,000 Australians Campaign

PEOPLE'S POWER – A UNION AND COMMUNITY BASED CAMPAIGN

10:00 AM THURSDAY 11 AUGUST ON STEPS OF VICTORIAN TRADES HALL

“We are going to grow Australian manufacturing jobs which produce the renewable energy goods and **work** our way out of the climate emergency,” says Dave Kerin, national coordinator of the 100,000 Australians Campaign.

“Starting with Morwell, Victoria, and then putting the same cooperatively owned factories across the carbon dependent areas of Australia, we are not waiting any longer while spoilers reduce Australia’s chances to pick up the manufacturing opportunities that will come once there is a price on carbon. Forget the blame, we want the jobs!

“Across Gippsland there is popular support for the Earthworker Cooperative’s push towards the first manufacturing plant, Eureka’s Future Workers Cooperative, which will manufacture solar hot water systems.

“In the wage clauses of Enterprise Bargaining Agreements negotiated between unions and employers, workers will have the ability to collectively purchase the goods and services produced by the manufacturing cooperatives, reducing their bills towards zero, creating jobs which never leave our shores and which attach training with a long term future for our young.

“Earthworker Cooperative will enable 100,000 members, at \$20 per member, to purchase the factory equipment for Eureka’s Future Workers Cooperative, and we will launch this exciting project at Trades Hall in Melbourne on Thursday 11 August at 10:00 am sharp. Please join us.

(The photo shoot will be at 10:00 am and the opportunity will only be there for 5 minutes, until 10:05 am. Unions’ members have only that amount of time available as there is a meeting beginning immediately after the shoot. We will take our own footage during that time and that will be the basis of a national poster for the 100,000 Australians Campaign. Media are invited to remain for a Press Conference in the Executive Room at Trades Hall after the photo shoot. Tea, coffee and light refreshment will be provided in an adjacent room).

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