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Biggest action on equal pay since the Seventies

Thousands of equal pay supporters will rally across the country at **11am today** to take part in Australia's biggest equal pay march since the 1970s.

The national rally, taking place in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Canberra, Adelaide, Darwin and many regional areas is being organised by the Australian Services Union, which represents community sector workers across the country.

They will be rallying in support of the ASU's equal pay test case to address lower pay among female-dominated community sector workers, the professionals that all Australians rely on in times of individual or community crisis.

The ASU Assistant National Secretary Linda White said, "This week's action around the nation will clearly show that the battle for pay equity is far from over.

"Women in full time paid work still earn 18 per cent less on average than men, which equates to \$1 million less over a lifetime.

"We're urging everyone to take a stand for equal pay and come to a rally in their capital city today," she said.

RALLY DETAILS and spokespeople:

- SYDNEY Town Hall, George Street, Sydney – Sally McManus 0419 433 419
- BRISBANE Emma Miller Place, Roma Street Parklands – Jennifer Thomas 0401 710 087
- MELBOURNE Federation Square, opposite Flinders St Station – Lisa Darmanin 0407 308 503
- PERTH Solidarity Park, opposite Parliament House – Pat Branson 0417 969 077
- CANBERRA Outside Legislative Assembly, London Circuit, Civic - Natalie Lang 0418 414 481
- ADELAIDE Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens, behind Government House – Katrine Hildyard 0418 847 865
- DARWIN Rain Tree Park, Smith Street Mall – Katrine Hildyard 0418 847 865

For further information about events in regional areas including Lismore, Nowra, Inverell, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Mackay, Townsville, Cairns, Moranbah and Alice Springs, please see:

www.asu.asn.au/sacs/payup.html

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For more on the ASU campaign for equal pay go to <http://www.payup.org.au>

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