



Sir Peter Talley and Mr Michael Talley
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Dear Peter and Michael

As Members of Parliament we have been following with growing concern the protracted industrial dispute between Talley's AFFCO and its unionised employees.

The financial hardship this dispute has caused AFFCO employees is severe and the effects are reverberating around communities in which they live.

Many AFFCO employees have been unable to pay their rent and other bills. Some have been issued with eviction notices and many are reliant upon donations of food to get by.

We are particularly concerned about the effect this hardship will have on the children of these families.

We note that the Employment Court ruled in November last year that the lockout of workers across the North Island earlier this year was illegal, and Talley's AFFCO had breached Section 32 of the Employment Relations Act 2000 by not acting in good faith while negotiations were going on.

We further note that all workers have the right to bargain collectively if they wish.

We strongly urge Talley's AFFCO to engage in good faith with the Meat Workers' Union, and the workers they represent, to resolve this dispute.



Furthermore, we would be happy to meet with Talley's AFFCO and the union to discuss the matter in a constructive and comprehensive manner to offer any assistance we can to help reach a settlement.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Little MP
Leader of the Opposition

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Iain Lees-Galloway MP
Spokesperson for Workplace Relations and Safety