



2019 - 2020 Forest Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-1937

MEMBER EMAIL CAMPAIGN – January 24, 2020

USW Local 1-1937 Member Emails to Government

There is significant pressure being put on government to intervene in our strike. The results of intervention can be disastrous for our members as they were in 2004 when the then BC Liberal Government imposed a binding process that forced concessions on our members. In that process we lost the right to say no to alternate shifts and companies were allowed to contract out whole logging operations.

We strongly believe WFP is refusing to come to the bargaining table as they believe with enough pressure, government will intervene and give them the concessions they cannot achieve at the bargaining table.

We are urging members to write emails to the Premier's office and copy the emails to the Minister of Labour and Minister of Forests, the local MLA in your area and the Local Union. Their email addresses are below. We would like to flood them with emails asking for them to not intervene as that will only benefit Western Forest Products.

There is also a sample email letter below that you can use for your email. You may use this sample or create your own email that asks government not to intervene in any way.

The Local Union is actively working to get WFP back to the bargaining table and remove their concessions.

Thank you for your support in this email campaign to stop any thought of government intervention which we believe will force WFP to get off their hands and get back to the bargaining table. **Follow the 5 Steps.**

STEP 1 - WRITE AND EMAIL TO GOVERNMENT (SAMPLE EMAIL BELOW)

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am a member of the USW Local 1-1937 and am currently on strike to ensure my co-workers and I have hours-of-work that are safe. We are also on strike to protect my workplace from contracting out as well as other issues including a company policy that discriminates against workers and is driving safety underground.

WFP is refusing to bargain as they feel the government will intervene and allow for contracting out of my workplace, while taking away my right to fight for safe-shifts and against a drug and alcohol policy designed to target workers rather than help them.

The BC Liberal Government intervened in 2004 and I am fighting to regain my rights that were stripped from my co-workers and myself at that time. It was a terrible injustice for government to intervene then and it would be a bigger mistake for your government to repeat that injustice.

Please let the parties settle this dispute at the bargaining table.

Sincerely,

STEP 2 - ADDRESS THE EMAIL TO THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS

Premier John Horgan – premier@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Harry Bains, Minister of Labour – lbr.minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – flnr.minister@gov.bc.ca

STEP 3 - COPY THE EMAIL TO YOUR LOCAL MLA (PICK ONE BELOW)

Nicolas Simons (NDP)
Powell River-Sunshine Coast
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Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure North Island (NDP)
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Ronna-Rae Leonard (NDP)
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Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (NDP)
Mid Island-Pacific Rim
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Sheila Malcolmson (NDP)
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Doug Routley (NDP)
Nanaimo-North Cowichan
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Sonia Furstenau (Green Party)
Cowichan Valley
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STEP 4 - COPY YOUR EMAIL TO THE LOCAL UNION

admin@usw1-1937.ca

STEP 5 – SEND YOUR EMAIL

Thank you.

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