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**Press release**

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## **ACT INDUSTRIAL ACTION TO DISRUPT SERVICES TO LOCAL RESIDENTS**

SUEZ is disappointed by the Transport Workers' Union's decision to take industrial action in Canberra on Monday 9 November.

The move will further disrupt services to residents for the second consecutive Monday.

SUEZ has been negotiating with the TWU in good faith for several months. The company continues to seek assistance from the Fair Work Commission in the negotiations in order to resolve the dispute and prevent further impact on residents in the ACT.

SUEZ is proposing wage increases of 2% in 2021, 3% in 2022 and 3% in 2023. The company believes this offer is reasonable and fair given the current economic circumstances in Australia where CPI over the 12 months to September rose just 0.7%. Meanwhile, the CPI forecast for 2020–21 is 1.75%.

SUEZ has taken measures across its joint Australia and New Zealand operation to limit the impact of COVID-19 and the recession. Across SUEZ, all divisions have taken action to adjust to the vastly altered economic landscape in which we currently operate in order to protect the business. Examples of these steps include no CPI salary increase for salaried employees in 2020 and a 25% pay reduction for senior executive staff for three months at the height of the pandemic. Some employees also worked reduced hours.

SUEZ sincerely regrets the disruption of services to our customers as the company continues to negotiate a fair deal with the TWU in an uncertain time.

We value the important work our drivers undertake in keeping our operation moving.

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