



District 2

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Dear Co-Workers of Pratt Visy at Tumut,

The Visy workers at our carton and box plant in the USA state of Michigan, represented by United Steelworkers (USW) Local Union No. 2-01050, reach out to you in support of your recruitment efforts at the Visy Tumut mill in New South Wales with the CFMEU. The right to join a union is essential, singly in terms of fairness. But it also is necessary to better work life and to have a say in your work rules.

The USW and CFMEU have had an effective and longstanding relationship and we now want to extend that to pulp, paper, and converting. USW Local 2-01050 represents 70 workers at a Pratt Group carton and box plant in Grand Rapids, Michigan. All the workers are members of USW. We have a collective agreement that we are proud of and one we are willing to share with you.

CFMEU and USW share affiliation with the Global Union Federation named ICEM. It is in this connection that we learned about Tumut possibilities to bargain collectively, improve health and safety committee, and to post improvements on super-annuation. We encourage fellow Tumut workers to take up the charge for the best terms and conditions in the Australian paper sector, standards that are set by the CFMEU. It would be our distinct pleasure to assist Australian workers at Tumut in any we can.

In Solidarity,

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