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## **GROCON – QUESTIONS REMAIN**

“Reports that the CFMEU has withdrawn the unlawful blockades unconditionally are welcomed. It is to be hoped that normal work can now resume,” said John Lloyd, Director, Work Reform and Productivity Unit at the Institute of Public Affairs.

However, important questions remain.

“Will respect for the rule of law be upheld?”

“Will Grocon and the Victorian Government continue contempt of court proceedings in the Supreme Court?”

“Will those who defied the Supreme Court orders be punished?”

“Will there be an apology to the Grocon employees who were abused and threatened?”

“Will Grocon retain the right to decide whom it employs?”

“Will the regulator commence proceedings against the CFMEU for contraventions of the Fair Work Act?”

“Will the four week blockade of the Abigroup Brisbane Children's Hospital site be withdrawn?” asks Mr Lloyd.

It is common for the settlement of protracted industrial disputes to involve the cessation of legal proceedings. It would be detrimental to Australia's workplace relations culture if that occurred in this case. The Victorian Government must demonstrate that it will not tolerate anybody being above the law.

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