

# Press Release- Fort Liard Ferry October 17th, 2005

**Local UNW members have been locked out of a Government owned ferry by Rowe's Construction in Fort Simpson since Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.**

Scabs are being housed in a government owned housing compound. These are the same scabs who are taking jobs, money , and the livelihood from qualified local residents and the community. This lockout is causing tension and hardship in this tightly knit community of 1200 people. No one in government is even responding to their complaints. The GNWT needs to take action immediately to address this situation.

Public support and support from other workers from Fort Simpson to Wrigley continues to mount. In just two days, over 200 people have signed a petition in support of the ferry workers.

“The GNWT cannot claim to be neutral in this dispute when they are harbouring scabs in a government housing compound. Michael McLeod must assume his responsibilities as the Minister responsible for transportation and meet immediately with union officials to settle this dispute” To start the process, he needs to evict those scabs from government residences". Todd Parsons, UNW President.