

WHAT'S AT RISK UNDER ABBOTT?

FACTSHEET: MAKE IT HARDER TO BE REPRESENTED AT WORK

FACT

Abbott will bring back WorkChoices laws to make it harder for unions to protect workers' rights

“A Coalition Government will ensure union right of entry provisions are sensible and fair, by making sure they are modelled on the 2007 promise of Julia Gillard. (The Coalition's Policy to Improve the Fair Work Laws, pages 15 - 16)

Abbott will greatly weaken protections for workers who are discriminated against for standing up for their rights at work.

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The Coalition will, “make it clear that the central consideration about reason for adverse action is the subjective intention of the person taking the alleged adverse action” (pages 37)

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Abbott will reintroduce John Howard's “Australian Building and Construction Commission”, which took away building workers' rights and prosecuted them.

“The Coalition will re-establish the ABCC. We will reverse Labor's changes to the laws which underpinned the ABCC” (page 21)

Introduce a national code to attack “union friendly” agreements and withhold funding or contracts from unionised employers in the construction industry.

FACT

“The ABCC will administer a national code and guidelines and we will work with State Governments who have put in place their own codes”, (page 21)

FACT

Abbott will make it harder for workers to stop bosses who bully.

The Coalition will require workers to, “seek help, advice or assistance from an independent regulator before going to the Fair Work Commission, (page 28)

Abbott will allow bosses to accuse union representatives of “bullying” and not require bosses to first go to an independent regulator.

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We will require that Labor's proposed changes are expanded to cover union officials and their conduct towards managers, employers and workers, (page 28)

FACT

Abbott will tie Union time and resources up in red tap

“A Coalition Government will introduce stricter reporting rules and higher penalties...We will also establish a genuinely independent watchdog to ensure new rules and obligations are strictly enforced. (page 21)

Taken from The Coalition's Policy to Improve the Fair Work Laws