

WHAT'S AT RISK UNDER ABBOTT?

FACTSHEET: A WEAKENED INDEPENDENT UMPIRE

These are the FACTS on what Tony Abbott will do to the Fair Work Commission, our independent umpire at work that keeps employers in check.

FACT

There will be full review of the Fair Work Act by the Productivity Commission. This includes the role and powers of the Fair Work Commission.

“The Fair Work laws will be subject to a review by the Productivity Commission. (Page 1, Coalition Policy.)

There are some problems with the fair work laws and how they operate. (Page 12)”

“The coalition believes that Australians deserve a thorough enquiry followed by a wide public debate. (Page 13)

Labor's review of the Fair Work laws in 2012 was deliberately weak. (Page 13)”

Australian Unions have written to the Coalition and asked them to release the terms of reference for this review and they have REFUSED.

FACT

Decisions of the Fair Work Commission, which can already be reviewed by the Courts, will be subject to appeals by another agency or organisation. Tony Abbott refuses to say what type of organisation or agency this is and who it will comprise of.

“We believe that it is crucial that our workplace relations system is supported by an efficient and modern tribunal which promptly provides effective and consistent decision making. This will include giving consideration to the creation of an independent appeal jurisdiction.”

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FACT

The Commission ensures truck drivers are paid rates of pay that enable them to drive reasonable and safe hours via the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal. The Coalition proposes to take this away this power.

“There is no evidence that a separate additional tribunal or a further level of regulation (of the transport industry) is necessary. (page 35)

“A Coalition government will urgently review the role of the Road Safety Remuneration tribunal”(Page 10)”