

Stand up and speak out against the ABCC

The Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) was a special task force set up by John Howard in 2005 to harass workers and unions in the construction industry.

Tony Abbott wants to bring it back, stronger than ever and covering any worker involved in the construction or fit out of a building and anyone manufacturing, transporting or supplying building materials to such a site.

This would include glaziers, floor

layers, plasterers, door & window, truss & frame manufacturing, sawmills, ply & panel board manufacturers and anyone making or supplying materials to the construction industry. Help us stop him.

Taking away our rights

The ABCC will strip away the basic rights of these workers. They could be subject to secret interrogations, have no right to silence - a right even those accused of murder have - and risk up to 6 month in jail. Worse still, the government has indicated that a new ABCC will do nothing to clamp down on dodgy employers who force workers to become independent contractors, or



HELP US STOP ABBOTT

Abbott is trying to bring back the ABCC. To stop him we need to convince just three of the cross-bench Senators to vote against him.

Sign the petition:

www.standupspeakoutcomehome.org.au/abcc-will-try-silence-workers

use phoenix companies; companies deliberately going bust to leave workers without jobs and entitlements.

The Building Code

The ABCC will police a new Building Code - which will rip the guts out of any EBA linked with Commonwealth - funded work. For example, the Code will take away your:

- RDOs and shift allowances
- Right to be consulted on redundancies, labour hire and numbers of apprentices; and
- Union meeting areas and publicity.

The Code will apply to agreements made from 24 April 2014 ... only if Abbott can get his law passed.

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Silencing workers. Sometimes forever.

The ABCC will make it harder for workers and their union to act on safety.

It would dramatically increase the penalties on workers (\$34,000) and their unions (\$170,000) for taking action on health and safety that falls outside the narrow legal definition "protected action".

During the period of John Howard's ABCC, workplace fatalities in Construction were at the highest level in the last decade.

Slashing safety

Aside from the ABCC, Liberal National Party governments are also trying to wind back our hard won gains on safety across the country.

In Queensland, union officials now have to give 24 hours' notice before being able to investigate a safety incident – including a serious injury or death.

In NSW, payments for injured workers have been slashed.

In Victoria, WorkCover has told bosses to "call the police" on any union official not meeting the strict entry requirements of the Fair Work Act.

Federally, the government wants to abolish the Asbestos Eradication and Safety Agency, and let any dodgy employer join the weaker federal workers' comp system (Comcare).

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In response to these attacks on your right to a safe workplace, the CFMEU has launched the "Stand up. Speak out. Come home." campaign.

We will never be silent on safety.

We will always take a stand so that workers can come home to what matters most.

Join us in taking a stand.

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CFMEU members work in the most dangerous industries in the country.

Every six minutes a construction, mining or forestry worker is seriously injured or killed on the job in Australia - a rate that is 50% higher than the overall industry rate.

In the last 18 months, 42 construction and mining workers have been killed at work. Workers in forestry, furnishing, pulp & paper & building products manufacturing industries face similar risks.

When employers put profits ahead of health and safety, workers often feel unable to speak up. That's why unions are vital.

Our work saves lives. It has built today's workplace health and safety system. And has saved tens of thousands of people from deadly asbestos-related diseases and got justice for thousands more injured workers.

Take action now

Sign the petition to stop the ABCC being brought back.

www.standupspeakoutcomehome.org.au/abcc-will-try-silence-workers

Download a hard copy and get all your mates to sign up:

www.standupspeakoutcomehome.org.au/resources

Show your workmates the video of what happened last time under the ABCC:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=og-GzJwprbw

Stand up for a safe workplace, by becoming a Health & Safety rep - get in touch with your union delegate for more info.

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