

Editorial



Time to stand together

THE election of Kim Beazley as the new Labor leader gives us all a fresh start for 2005.

Mark Latham made an impact on the Australian political scene during his short time as leader, and the union wishes him well in his retirement.

However, we now need to unite behind Labor to tackle the onslaught on workers' pay and conditions we can expect once the Howard Government takes control of the Senate on July 1.

Howard wants to destroy our union. He hates us because we are powerful.

All workers need to unite in the coming fight. The conservatives want to divide us, to establish an environment where people trample over their workmate to get ahead. We all know this means a dog-eat-dog world where pay will fall, safety problems will spiral and the collective culture will be denied.

Howard controls the Parliament. He will control the Senate. His friends are the bosses who run the banks, building firms and the media. But one thing Howard can never control is our will. If we stick together, join one beside the next, then we can defeat this attack. If the union continues to build alliances with other unions and in the broader community, then we will have friends to call on in our hour of need. Be ready to fight for your pay and conditions. Unity is strength.

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