



Workers face crucial year at the ballot box

2007 is a crucial year for Australian workers. In the next week or so, the March 24 State election will be held. It is a choice between a Labor Government committed to protecting workers from the worst rip-offs of John Howard's WorstChoices laws – and a Liberal Opposition that wants to sacrifice our rights to the mercy of big businesses.

It is a choice between a Labor Government that is committed to creating construction jobs and a Debnam-led Liberal Opposition that wants to stop the East Darling Harbour construction project and 3000 jobs. For workers it really is no choice at all. We must stop the Liberal challenge at the State level – and then turn our attention to kicking John Howard out of office later this year.

But you can only have your say if you are enrolled to vote. If you are not a citizen, you should become one. Time is running out. Members, families and mates who are not on the electoral roll should sign up now. Your vote will make a difference. Enrolment forms are available from www.aec.gov.au or from the post office or the union office.

Rock for your rights on April 22

We need to show worker opposition to Howard's unfair workplace laws. On Sunday April 22, there will be a massive protest rally at 11am at Hyde Park. This will be followed by a march to the Sydney Cricket Ground where there will be a concert with some of Australia's top rock talent. Entry to the concert at the Sydney Cricket Ground is by a ticket/wristband, which are only \$5, but numbers are limited to 40,000. You can purchase your wristband at the Lidcombe office or from your local union delegate/organiser. Come to the rally on April 22 with family and friends.

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Feedback...

This is your journal and the CFMEU encourages you to have your say. Unity can only continue to improve with your participation. We welcome your contribution – letters, stories about wage claims, disputes, rorts, OHS, bad eggs, site conditions, poems, photos etc. If you have anything you think is worth publishing, phone, fax or mail us.

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