

Defending Our Rights

John Howard

John Howard has always been against workers and unions
He has always tried to weaken our power
But the problem is not John Howard
The problem is our economy



Global changes

The Australian economy is not isolated. We are part of the international capitalist economy. The economy is about profits. Companies' profits come from our hard work



Reform

Workplace changes are not isolated events
The economy needs continual reforms to keep profits high
Reform for us is a race to the bottom
A few of us will win, but most of us will lose.



We build the world, we keep things going.

Export of jobs pits workers against each other. Workers in other cities, other states, other countries are not our enemies. We are all told the same thing: Be flexible, be efficient, work longer hours, and get less pay to stay competitive
This pits us against each other
This is not in our interest

Companies

Companies look for where we are weakest. That is why they are setting up shop in other countries. When we are strong, we can fight back. When we are not organised, we are weak and vulnerable. Companies play workers in different cities, regions and countries against each other to get the highest profits



What we want

We need to say enough is enough
We want job security, a guaranteed income.
Public housing, public transport, functioning school and hospitals
No more subsidies to companies



To win

Our strength as workers is our unity. Our power is the ability to meet together, build unions, stop work, act in solidarity. When we organise we have the power to make changes. United we win.
Workers change the world



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