

Yallourn Workshop Embassy

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Howard & Elliot's IR Laws STINK!

The Plot Thickens

The story so far:

- 49 workers were locked out after mild protective bans on temporary upgrades, overtime and temporary shifts were put in place.
- Mr Elliot tries to lure 7 workers back to work for same hourly rate but on Metal Trades Award.
- 49 workers take protective strike action to protect the 7 workers
- The company takes workers to the Industrial Relations Commission over:
 - Secondary industrial action for not unloading trucks (driven by Elliott) on two separate sites
 - Industrial strike is protecting those workers who found casual work and not the locked out workers

The Commissioner found in favour of the workers on both counts!

- MEC send out letters to members on 3rd November – asking 5 to return to work while the rest were told they were locked out indefinitely – a clearly provocative action.
- MEC advertised to fill our positions in the Latrobe Valley Express – calling themselves El Steel, Elliot Construction, Power Engineering Corporation.
- Local workers applied for positions not knowing about the current dispute – when challenged Elliot replied in an email:

“...the gate is open and there are a number of people working and suppliers, customers attending the business every day, they are not being threatened or hurt and any action of this nature would be intolerable. This is not a matter of taking someone's job, it is a matter of people making their own choice as to whether they want to work or not under conditions they choose to accept or not. (NOTE: The people protesting chose to take industrial action against the company in the first place, also note that when they were asked to return to work they chose to strike indefinitely)

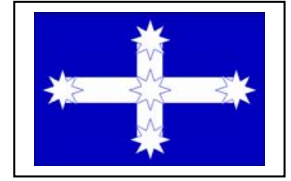
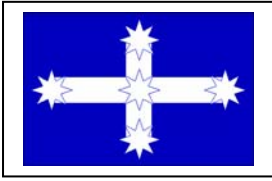
Regards Anthony Elliott”

- The Boss and his so called (General Manager) approached workers at the Embassy to resolve the dispute by asking them to return to work under the current bans. This would mean that negotiations would take place while we are working.

Latest News:

A meeting with the Company took place on 27th November. The Company are continuing to push the workers to go back to work under an EBA that strips away many of their hard won conditions.

**THESE NEW IR LAWS ARE FORCING WORKERS TO SUBMIT TO AWA'S
OR DOWNGRADED EBA'S BY STANDOVER AND STARVATION TACTICS
BUT WE WILL RESIST**



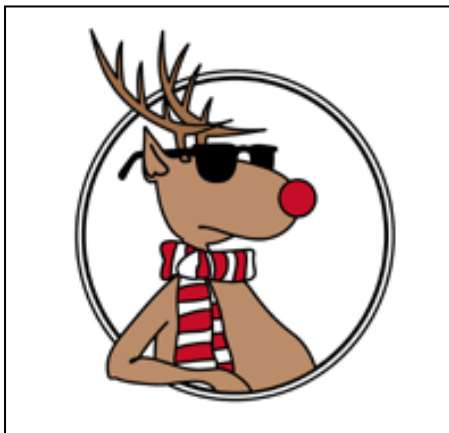
MEC has used Howard's Treacherous IR laws against these workers

They have tried to take away workers rights and intimidated workers

**The workers and their families need your support to
continue their fight**

**Please make a donation to:
Gippsland Trades and Labour Council
PO Box 918
Wing 5, Lignite Court
Morwell
Tel: 03 5133 7684**

**All donations will go to the workers and their families
Don't let them be starved back to work – you can help**



*Gippsland Trades and Labour Council and
Yallourn MEC Workers
Invite you and your Family to a
Christmas Family Barbecue at
The Yallourn Workshop Embassy
Everyone Welcome
5.30pm
Tuesday 12th December 2006*

*Santa will visit the young ones!
More Information: ring Val on 03 5133 7684*