



Dear Community and Public Sector Union member



We are rapidly approaching our National Day of Union and Community Action on 30 November.

This is the most critical event the union movement has embarked upon in our campaign to repeal the Howard Government's work laws.

CPSU opposes these federal work laws. It's bad law that will affect our members every time CPSU negotiates a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, and adversely affects other workers, such as our friends and families, and especially our kids.

It's vital that we **'fill the G'** and it's a chance for you to be part of a significant event.

All our previous events have demonstrated the high level of community support our campaign enjoys.

This time we need to make an extra effort to demonstrate that we have growing levels of support and the capacity to mobilise an effective campaign in the lead up to the next federal election.

Put simply, we need to leave no stone unturned to make the day an overwhelming success.

Unlike workers who will have to take industrial action in order to attend, Victorian public sector workers can access flexi-time or other leave in order to participate without loss of pay. In fact our Employer is encouraging you to attend (see letter opposite).

Organise your leave ASAP and 'Make History'.

I'd love to see you there.

CPSU members are assembling at Gate 6. As it takes over an hour to **'fill the G'** and everyone must be in their seats at 9am before the broadcast begins, to get a great seat I suggest you get there from 7.30 AM.

For those in regional Victoria who are not travelling to Melbourne I've included a list of regional events and local TLC contacts.

My thanks in advance for your support.

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NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST – 30 NOVEMBER 2006

The ACTU, as part of its continuing national strategy of opposition to the Commonwealth Government's Work Choices legislation, has called a National Day of Protest for Thursday 30 November 2006. The official Melbourne program will commence at 9.00am at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and will be followed by a march to Federation Square at 10.15am.

The Victorian Government has also strongly stated its opposition to Work Choices and has implemented a number of initiatives to protect Victorian workers from the legislation.

This circular is to advise public sector managers that the same arrangements will apply for the attendance of employees at the protest as applied for the National Day of Action on 28 June 2006.

Whilst it would not be appropriate to pay employees who are absent without authorisation from work during working hours, Departments and agencies should deal with requests for time off or leave in the normal manner.

In doing so, Departments and agencies should ensure there is no disruption to services during this time.

For staff who wish to attend the protest, every effort should be made by public sector managers to permit attendance, consistent with the above requirements.

Should there be any change in these arrangements, you will be advised in advance of the 30 November protest.

Any queries regarding this matter should be directed to your relevant portfolio officer in the Public Sector Unit of Industrial Relations Victoria.

TIM LEE
Deputy Secretary
Industrial Relations Victoria



TLC	SKY CHANNEL	ACTIVITIES/BUS
BALLARAT	<p>9 AM to 10 AM JD Sports Bar, Lydiard Street, North Ballarat</p> <p>9 AM to 10 AM Western Hotel, Sturt Street, Ballarat</p>	<p>Contact BTLC on 5332 3666 if you're interested in a spot on a bus to 'fill the G' in Melbourne.</p>
BENDIGO		<p>Rally - assembling at midday outside Bendigo TLC and then marching to the gardens outside the old town hall.</p> <p>CFMEU and AEU arranging buses from Bendigo.</p> <p>Contact BTLC re local bus arrangements on 5443 5173</p>
GEELONG	<p>There will be no venues as everyone coming down on buses to the MCG (buses and trains leaving 6.30 AM South Geelong Train Station)</p>	<p>Contact GTLC on 5221 1712 if you are interested in a spot on a bus to Melbourne.</p>
GIPPSLAND	<p>9 AM to 10 AM Grand Terminus Hotel, McLeod Street, Bairnsdale,</p> <p>The Top Pub in Morwell from 9 AM – 10 AM</p>	<p>There will be seven buses bringing people to the MCG.</p> <p>Contact GTLC on 5134 3311 if you are interested in a spot on the bus.</p>
GOULBURN VALLEY	<p>There will be no local activities. Everyone encouraged to drive to Melbourne</p>	<p>No buses organised.</p>
HORSHAM	<p>9 AM to 10 AM West Side Tabaret, Function Room, Bennett Rd Horsham</p>	<p>Contact Lyn Sargeant (AEU Member) 5382 0709</p>
MALLEE MURRAY		<p>Rally at 11 am at Henderson Park</p>
NORTH EAST	<p>People to gather at 8.00AM at the corner of Dean St & Wodonga Place, Albury.</p> <p>March via Dean St to the big screen at QE2 Square, arriving at 8.30AM.</p> <p>Local speakers/entertainment until 9.00 AM.</p> <p>Sky Channel broadcast, 9.00 AM - 10.15 AM.</p>	<p>NEBTLC not arranging buses to Melbourne</p>
SOUTH WEST	<p>9 AM to 10 AM Portland Iron Bar, 101 Bentinck Street Portland</p> <p>9 AM to 10 AM Royal Hotel, 43 Fairy Street (cnr Timor Street) Warrnambool</p> <p>9 AM to 10 AM Grand Central Hotel, 141 Gray Street Hamilton</p>	<p>In conjunction with the affiliates SWTLC arranging for 2 buses to come down (i.e. coast and inland routes).</p> <p>Call 5523 4272 for more detail.</p>

Keep up to date with Sky Channel Venues & Regional Events. Visit www.vthc.org.au