

# Workers & Community National Day of Protest Wed 28 June

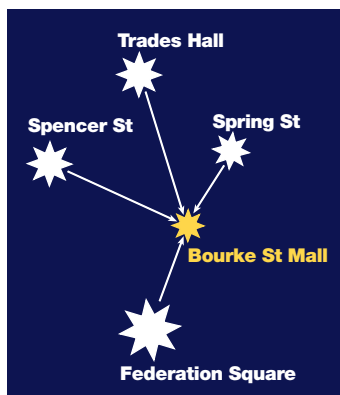


## Together we are unbreakable!

**Say NO to  
Howard's IR laws.**

**Assemble 10am**  
at the starting point  
closest to you  
and march to the  
Bourke Street Mall.

More info: [www.vthc.org.au](http://www.vthc.org.au)  
[www.yourrightsatwork.com.au](http://www.yourrightsatwork.com.au)  
or contact your Union.



**National Week of Action 25 June – 1 July 2006**

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John Howard's anti-worker IR Laws are now formally in your boss's hands. Workplace Relations Minister Kevin Andrews released 400 pages of regulations before proclaiming the new IR laws in late March.

## Unjust laws

These are vicious, extreme, draconian laws. They are designed to force you off your current Award or EBA onto an individual contract (AWA), where you must take your chances on your own with your employer. This law aims to make it hard for you and your workmates to sign off on a Collective Agreement at your workplace.

Have a look at these new regulations:

- The new laws aim to severely restrict your union. They directly interfere with the 'right of entry' by union representatives into your workplace.
- Kevin Andrews, as the Minister for Workplace

Relations, can interfere in any negotiations between you and your boss to enforce government policy.

- Individual workers can be fined \$6000 and unions \$33,000 if they ask to put something into an agreement that the Government opposes! For example, no workplace agreement is allowed to include time off for trade union training (e.g. OHS).

The Howard Government has already gutted the AIRC's main role in solving disputes. The legislation now turns the AIRC into a 'spy agency' that will report every week on all disputes, whatever they are about, to Andrews' office.

This legislation attempts to criminalise day-to-day union activity. It is the most serious attack on working people in Australian history. It will hit young workers, casual and part-time employees and working families particularly hard.

## Stick up for your mates

John Howard styles himself as the 'best friend' that the workers have ever had. We know better. Friends don't rob you and lie to you and seek to destroy your way of life. No, your real mates stick up for you instead.

Under these laws, many of the hard-fought rights won in this country over more than 100 years will be lost. Jobs will be threatened, real wages will go down, protection from unfair dismissal will disappear, workplace safety will be eroded.

And that's just the beginning.

We must stand together against Howard's constant lies, bullying and contempt for ordinary Australians. We demand fair and just workplace laws.



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