

# SAGSNEWS

## ELECTION EDITION



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ACTIVE STRONG UNITED

# Libs say NO to Equal Pay

## LABOR and GREENS ARE GO!

### ABBOTT REFUSES TO SIGN HEADS OF AGREEMENT

#### **The Liberal Party has sent a clear message of NO on the question of equal pay for community workers.**

On August 5, 2010, the ASU asked Tony Abbott to sign the same Heads of Agreement signed by Prime Minister Julie Gillard in October 2009, committing a future Liberal Government to support for the ASU Equal Pay case. At the time of going to print on Friday August the 13th the ASU has had no response from the Opposition Leader.

#### **LIB Candidates NO SHOW at Equal Pay forums.**

During this election the ASU has targeted 32 NSW Federal Electorates to ask candidates to publically commit to support full funding for equal pay.

Not ONE liberal candidate agreed to attend a forum or meet with members.

Not ONE liberal candidate agreed to sign the written commitment on page 3 of this newsletter.

All ALP and all Greens candidates approached agreed to sign the commitment.

#### **Liberals say NO to funding for Equal Pay**

During the course of the campaign the ASU asked the Liberals to agree to fund the outcome of the equal pay case.

The Federal Liberal Campaign Director responded, "We cannot make any new spending commitments beyond existing policy announcements."

In contrast the ALP National Campaign Office has advised all candidates including Ministers that they can sign the ASU commitment on page 3.

**THIS ELECTION MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT:  
VOTE FOR CANDIDATES WHO SUPPORT EQUAL PAY**

# Equal Pay endorsed candidates

The ASU has now endorsed the following candidates as "Equal Pay endorsed candidates" for the 2010 Federal Election. These candidates have been endorsed on the basis that they have signed the ASU commitment set out on page 3.

These endorsements are correct and complete at August 13.

**Not one liberal candidate signed the commitment.**

## **BARTON**

Robert McClelland (ALP)  
Simone Francis (GRN)

## **BENNELONG**

Maxine McKew (ALP)  
Lindsay Peters (GRN)

## **CALARE**

Kevin Duffy (ALP)  
Jeremy Buckingham (GRN)

## **CANBERRA**

Gai Brodtman (ALP)  
Sue Ellerman (GRN)

## **CHARLTON**

Greg Combet (ALP)  
Ian McKenzie (GRN)

## **CHIFLEY**

Ed Husic (ALP)  
Debbie Robertson (GRN)

## **COWPER**

Paul Sekfy (ALP)  
Dominic King (GRN)

## **CUNNINGHAM**

Sharon Bird (ALP)  
George Takacs (GRN)  
Jess Moore (Socialist Alliance)

## **DOBELL**

Craig Thomson (ALP)  
Scott Rickard (GRN)

## **EDEN MONARO**

Mike Kelly (ALP)  
Catherine Moore (GRN)

## **NEW ENGLAND**

Greg Smith (ALP)  
Pat Schultz (GRN)

## **FOWLER**

Chris Hayes (ALP)  
Signe Westerberg (GRN)

## **FRASER**

Andrew Leigh (ALP)  
Indra Esguerra (GRN)

## **GILMORE**

Neil Reilly (ALP)  
Ben Van der Wijngaart (GRN)

## **GRAYNDLER**

Anthony Albanese (ALP)  
Sam Byrne (GRN)

## **GREENWAY**

Michelle Rowland (ALP)  
Paul Taylor (GRN)

## **HUGHES**

Brent Thomas (ALP)  
Susan Roberts (GRN)

## **HUNTER**

Joel Fitzgibbon (ALP)  
Michael Johnsen (NAT)  
Chris Parker (GRN)

## **KINGSFORD SMITH**

Peter Garrett (ALP)  
Lindsay Shurey (GRN)

## **LINDSAY**

David Bradbury (ALP)  
Suzie Wright (GRN)

## **MACARTHUR**

Nick Bleasdale, (ALP)  
Jessica Di Blasio (GRN)

## **MACQUARIE**

Susan Templeman (ALP)  
Carmel McCallum (GRN)

## **NEWCASTLE**

Sharon Grierson (ALP)  
Michael Osborne (GRN)

## **PAGE**

Janelle Saffin (ALP)  
Jeff Johnson (GRN)  
Kevin Hogan (NAT)

## **PARRAMATTA**

Julie Owens (ALP)  
Phil Bradley (GRN)

## **PATERSON**

Jim Arneman (ALP)  
Jan Davis (GRN)

## **RICHMOND**

Justine Elliott (ALP)  
Joe Ebono (GRN)

## **ROBERTSON**

Deborah O'Neill (ALP)  
Peter Freewater (GRN)

## **SHORTLAND**

Jill Hall (ALP)  
Phillipa Parsons (GRN)

## **SYDNEY**

Tanya Plibersek (ALP)  
Tony Hickey (GRN)  
Denis Doherty (CPA)

## **THROSBY**

Stephen Jones (ALP)  
Peter Moran (GRN)  
Alan Hay (NAT)

## **WATSON**

Tony Burke (ALP)  
Christine Donayre (GRN)

## **WENTWORTH**

Steven Lewis (ALP)  
Matthew Robertson (GRN)

I, \_\_\_\_\_

make this written commitment:

- to support equal pay for community workers, and,
- to work with my party to ensure that services have the funds they need to meet the costs of equal pay without the need to cut services.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why won't Tony Abbott and the the liberals sign up?**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# What about Workchoices?



The 2010 Federal Election is about the rights of all working Australians and the threat of a future return to WorkChoices under the Coalition.

Tony Abbott was a key Minister in the former Howard Government that introduced WorkChoices. He believes in WorkChoices and wants to bring it back. He just won't call it WorkChoices. He said it was one of the Howard Government's greatest achievements.

**The Howard Government's industrial legislation, it was good for wages, it was good for jobs, and it was good for workers. And let's never forget that.** —Tony Abbott, Canberra 19 March 2008

Then just this year, he said he'd bring back individual contracts and cut unfair dismissal laws – the worst of WorkChoices. But now, with an election on, he says WorkChoices is dead, but then adds:

**Obviously, Um, I can't give an absolute guarantee about every single aspect of workplace relations legislation.**

—Tony Abbott, 3AW 19 July 2009

And during the election campaign, another senior Liberal Mr Abetz admitted that the Liberals would 'tweak' the legislation if they were elected.

**There is room to tweak Labor's Fair Work laws.**

— Liberal Senate leader Eric Abetz AAP 17 July 2010

# Working Australians simply can't trust Tony Abbott on WorkChoices.

<http://www.actu.org.au/Campaigns/WorkChoicesNeverAgain/default.aspx>