

THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

The ILO Conventions state that the right to strike exists to protect these human rights:

- Right to solidarity
- Right to organise



United Nations Conventions which Australia signed

In 1977 laws were passed outlawing solidarity strikes. They are called the Secondary Boycott laws, part of the Trade Practices Act.



This was part of a global crackdown on the democratic rights of workers to organise and strike to defend each other and our national interests.



This led to the current crisis:

- Privatisation of Australians' assets
- Re-regulation in the interests of big corporations
- Casualisation of our work
- Off-shoring of our jobs for lower wages
- Contracting out for lower wages
- Individual contracts
- Outlawing industrial action in support of community

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The right to strike for the right future



We might sell our labour, but never our children's right to a good future



Dear Friend,

The National Right to Strike Campaign (NRSC) is writing to ask you to support the campaign's aim to have all Australian law comply with International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conventions.

Contained in this correspondence are a 10 Point Proposal and model resolution. We ask that your organisation adopt the resolution.

Currently a number of unions, union branches, peak union bodies, as well as community organisations from neighbourhoods, faith-based, environmental and social movements are considering similar resolutions.

If your organisation agrees to support this most fundamental of human rights, as defined by the ILO, you will be formally added to the national list of supporting organisations, in an effort to build the confidence and unity necessary if Australians are to achieve these rights:

MODEL RESOLUTION FOR ALL TYPES OF UNION MEETING

"That this meeting of (Name and status of union meeting) supports the National Right to Strike Campaign and declares that all Australian law must comply with ILO Conventions 87 & 98. In particular with the guaranteed right to organise and strike at the time chosen, and for the purposes decided upon, by union members. Further, our organisation demands that the ILO Conventions pertaining to workers in unions being free to take solidarity action with other workers by striking, be complied with"

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