

BOEING SACKS WORKERS

Corporate thug uses Howard's IR Laws against workforce

24 - Hour Picket

Wharf Rd

Fishermans Bend

off Lorimer Rd, [melway 42 E12]

Public Transport 235, 236, 237 & 606 busses.

Over 700 Boeing workers are currently on strike at Fishermans Bend Port Melbourne. Members of the AMWU (Australian Manufacturing Workers Union) face the sharp end of Howard's old Workchoices laws. The Federal Court is set to impose possible fines and injunctions against rank and file workers on Monday 14th of April.

Boeing management provoked the dispute on Monday April 7th by sacking a union member and suspending another. Workers hold fears that another 8 workers could also face suspension or dismissal in the near future. Rather than follow the agreed dispute settlement procedure in the EBA (Enterprise Bargaining Agreement) Boeing have insisted that they have a legal right to do as they please.

Workers were faced with a choice, support their fellow workers by taking industrial action or do nothing about the unfair treatment. This situation highlights the basic injustice of the industrial relations regime in Australia. A company can act in contempt of existing agreements by sacking workers. However when workers are forced to take industrial action to defend basic conditions and rights they are the ones who are considered to be in contempt of the legal system and face fines.

Union members at Boeing definitely feel their only protection is the EBA and the Award. As one worker put it "80 years of proud manufacturing history has been reduced to a IR war zone." It should be remembered that Boeing have received generous amount of taxpayers money and yet they act like this.

What's at stake?

A union supporter on the picket said, "Workers spontaneously took action to support their mates, that action has to be supported." If unionism is to mean anything surely is it that we support each other when required. Union members at Boeing need the support of the greater union movement now! Millions of us took to the streets to get rid of Workchoices. We got rid of Howard but employers are still using Workchoices to impose their will on us.

We all have a choice. To stand by and do nothing while these workers face the full force of the law or to find a way to support Boeing workers who are making a stand against corporate dictatorship and unjust laws.

SUPPORT NEEDED.

Visit the picket

A friendly face can make a big difference. Come down for a chat, some coffee, some snags. Put your name down on the shift roster.

Financial Aid

Cash donations to the picket are welcome. See delegate on arrival.

Workplace Meetings

Arrange a meeting at your work to support the Boeing workers.

Message of Support

Send messages of support to:
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