

# Change the Rules to be safe at work

Every worker has the right to go to work & come home safe. But every year over 200 people are killed at work & over 100,000 are seriously injured. Our safety laws are failing.

This year an independent review found significant areas in need of serious reform to protect workers' safety.



## Workers deserve to be safe at work OUR SAFETY LAWS NEED TO BE CHANGED

#### Harsher penalties for bosses who place profits before safety

- Introduction of nationally consistent industrial manslaughter laws to ensure bosses who place profits before safety face serious jail time
- Increasing penalties to over \$5 million for companies that recklessly & negligently disregard the safety of workers
- Eliminating the ability for bosses to get insurance that pays fines for killing workers

#### Improved rights for workers, health & safety reps & unions

- (v) Increased obligations to consult workers about safety
- The right to go to an independent umpire to resolve safety disputes
- Stronger training rights for Health Safety Reps & to expand the right for workers to cease unsafe work.

### Increased obligations on employers

- New rules to deal with psychosocial hazards (violence, bullying, sexual & racial harassment, fatigue & stress)
- A comprehensive review of Regulations & Codes of Practice, with high risk industries a priority

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