

STOP **THE CHINA FREE** **TRADE AGREEMENT**

RALLY **PROTEST THE CHINA FTA**

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It is a job-destroying trade agreement that has been negotiated in secret. We need to create jobs for local workers, not destroy them.

With youth unemployment at crisis levels we cannot afford to stand by and watch as our kids miss out on job opportunities.

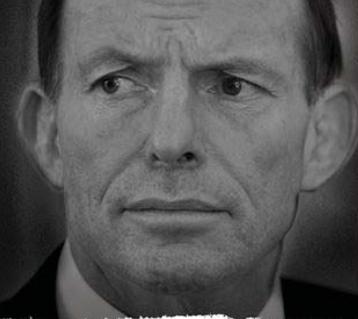
Australian workers can't afford this Free Trade Agreement.
We call on the Abbott Government to stop the China FTA.

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WHY THE CHINA FTA IS BAD FOR AUSTRALIA

- 1. Chinese companies will be able to bring in an entire workforce from overseas for projects worth over \$150 million** with as little as a 15% stake in that project and without even advertising for local workers first.
- 2. All workers will lose under this deal.** Overseas workers risk being seriously exploited, local workers risk being shut out of jobs and all of our rights at work will be dragged down. Our fight is not with overseas workers, it is with the Abbott Government and their big business mates who benefit from this deal at the expense of workers.
- 3. It could cost as many as 158,000 local jobs because of cheap Chinese imports that are unfairly subsidised and do not meet Australian standards.** Half of Australian businesses surveyed say the deal will hurt them and only 11% say it will help.
- 4. The agreement will allow Chinese companies to sue Australian governments that pass laws which affect their profits.** This is how Phillip Morris has been able to sue us for plain cigarette packaging laws that are saving lives.
- 5. This trade deal has no commitments to respect workers' rights.** China is one of the ten worst places to be a worker according to the international trade union movement.
- 6. This deal was negotiated in secret by the Abbott Government.** Big business might have been a part of the negotiations, but ordinary working people weren't and it shows.

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