



To a Local Business.

Many businesses are affected by the conditions surrounding Work Choice Legislation even if they do not use them. For example, employees could be heard talking about their “mates” who are subject to such an Agreement and as a proprietor you may be wondering how it affects you.

It's a controversial issue. What is going to happen in the forthcoming election? No matter who is elected in the upcoming election, Senator Andrew Murray, Democrats Senator for WA will remain in the Parliament until June 30th 2008.

He said on 26th March 2007 “If the Howard government is re-elected there will be no change to this tough and unbalanced WorkChoices regime. If Kevin Rudd's Labor win government, they will not have the Senate numbers to change the law. The question is – who can they negotiate with?”

Not the Coalition because of ideology, although Senator Joyce may prove a key vote Not the Greens because of their hard absolutist views will not fit with Labor's proposed moderated national system. Not Family First – they just don't have the experience.

Only the Democrats have the long experience of credible outcomes arising from holding the centre ground as the Balance of Power Party. Of the minor parties, only the Democrats have a long history of serious sustained credible work on IR. Our position is clear, WorkChoices is unfair and has to go. Australia must have a workable industrial relations plan and a single system that is fair, balanced and practical. The Australian Democrats are the only party that can deliver a complete IR plan that is widely acceptable.

We say a modern Australia needs IR reforms that deliver productivity, efficiency, jobs growth and competitive gains but it must also accord with the values and goals of a civilised first-world society

The Party continues to focus on the Senate and is presenting a new team for this election. We need your interest and support to keep our presence in Parliament.

We need donations of time and money; minor parties do not have the resources or support base of the two major parties.

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Thank you for your time and interest

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