

# Media Alert

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## **Working Tasmanians call on Hodgman to reveal his IR Policy**

With Tony Abbott visiting Tasmania and having declared that he plans to introduce Workchoices mark 2 if he becomes Prime Minister, union leaders are calling on Will Hodgman to come clean on his plans for industrial relations in Tasmania.

The Secretary of Unions Tasmania has written to Mr Hodgman asking him to clarify his position on industrial relations and has not received a reply.

There is no industrial relations policy available from the Tasmanian Liberals.

Secretary of Unions Tasmania, Simon Cocker said:

“It is only reasonable that Tasmania’s working people should be able to judge the Liberal party’s policies in this area approaching the election, particularly as the last written position we have from the state Liberal Party is a 2005 letter from the then leader Mr Hidding in which he states unequivocally that the Tasmanian Liberals strongly support the Workchoices legislation.”

“Will Hodgman cannot go all the way through to an election and not tell us what his plans are for industrial relations.”

“What’s Will not telling us about his plans for working Tasmanians?”

“Tony Abbott has just made it very clear that he plans to introduce a new version of Workchoices, stripping away unfair dismissal protections and penalty rates for thousands of working people. Does Will support this or not?” said Mr Cocker

### **Media conference**

**Who: Simon Cocker, Secretary Unions Tasmania & rights at work supporters**

**Where: Parliament House lawns, Hobart**

**When: 9.30am**

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