

Media Release

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Sacking of North West Tasmanian worker, Peter Huett is yet another example of the Howard Government's unfair Workplace Laws

Unions Tasmania secretary Simon Cocker today expressed sympathy for North West man Peter Huett who appears to have been unfairly dismissed by his employer. The dismissal of Peter Huett from his position as a car detailer in the North West of Tasmania is a classic example of how the Howard Government's workplace laws are hurting working families. Peter was dismissed from his position with no written reasons after having been assured his position was safe.

Unions Tasmania Secretary , Simon Cocker, said:

"Under the Howard Government's Industrial Relations laws Peter has no recourse to an unfair dismissal hearing. It is simply not fair that Peter cannot make an unfair dismissal claim"

"The government may have tinkered with and changed the name of their Workplace laws but they have still stripped away unfair dismissal protection from vulnerable workers like Peter"

"How can the Howard Government justify on one hand saying they want to get people with disabilities into the workforce and on the other, making it possible and legal for them to be sacked like this under 'WorkChoices'".

"It's just plain wrong to give people who feel they have been unfairly dismissed nowhere to go to put their case."

"John Howard, Mark Baker, Senator Guy Barnett and Joe Hockey just don't get it. They think working people are a commodity to be traded, manipulated and then thrown out without a care. If they really believed all they have said about the importance of strong families and communities they would never have introduced these unfair laws." said Mr Cocker

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