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#### **Labor and ACTU's plan to #break-the-economy**

Labor has left the door wide open for the ACTU's blueprint to destroy millions of jobs and plunge Australia into industrial chaos not seen since the 1970s.

The Labor/ACTU plan for industry wide bargaining guarantees a return to the dark days of rolling stoppages that would paralyse entire industries across the country and put jobs and living standards in peril.

The rate of industrial action was more than 40 times higher in the 1970's than it is today. That means a potential 4,000 percent increase in industrial disputation if the Labor/ACTU plan becomes a reality.

It would bring our ports, transport, mines and manufacturing grinding to a halt and cripple our hospitals, schools and essential services - putting lives at risk and undermining our children's education.

As long as Labor remain beholden to increasingly militant unions for millions of dollars in funding and factional protection, the blatant labour market lies, policy madness and naked hypocrisy will continue.

As well as promising an explosion in industrial disruption, they have again trotted out their discredited plan for a massive increase in the minimum wage.

This will drive hundreds of thousands of small and family businesses to the wall and put millions of employees out of work, as well as reversing the Turnbull Government's progress on social inclusion though increased workforce participation.

The record run of growth and job creation Australians have enjoyed under a Turnbull Government would come to a screaming halt if Labor has the opportunity to inflict this madness on the economy.

It is a plan to kick the legs out from under Australian businesses and slam the economy into reverse gear.

Labor needs to come clean and declare which elements of the ACTU's destructive blueprint they will inflict on Australia if elected.

Labor and the ACTU have turned their backs on the reforms of Bob Hawke, Paul Keating and Bill Kelty. They are deliberately pitting workers against business to turn the clock back 40 years to an era of spiralling industrial conflict and falling productivity.

Australian workers and their families will pay a heavy price if Bill Shorten gets elected and implements the ACTU's destructive 6 point plan. Your job, and your children's jobs, could be the first casualties.

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