



CFMEU Victorian
Forestry Branch Spring 2007

Door & Window and Truss & Frame Sector News



Delegate Jarrod Pasquill from Bowen's Truss and Frame plant in Hastings.



Delegate Danny Maynard with a fellow Union member from Corinthian Doors.



Delegate Burt Standa and fellow members from William Russell Doors .



Delegate Ray Reid from Bowens Croydon with a fellow Union member.

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Costello confirms Liberal Party plans to go further on IR and get rid of unions after election

Peter Costello has confirmed he wants to go further on industrial relations by getting rid of unions, pushing more workers onto individual and non-union job contracts and reducing the job security of workers in small business.

Mr Costello made the announcement while launching a new book on workplace relations by Paul Monk

of the big business lobby group, Institute of Public Affairs, in Melbourne. Jane Calvert, CFMEU Victorian Forestry Branch Secretary said,

"There can no longer be a shadow of doubt that the Liberals will go further on industrial relations after the election.

"Peter Costello's comments today echo his previous

statements opposing unions and supporting greater use of AWA individual contracts and a reduction in unfair dismissal protections.

"If the Liberals are re-elected and Costello becomes Prime Minister it is absolutely clear his Government will take away even more of the rights of working Australians," she said.

The CFMEU FFPD has recently appointed two staff to work on Occupational Health and Safety issues.

Max Diamond, formerly a Field Officer with the Forest Industries Employments and Training Service has been employed as the CFMEU FFPD Health & Safety Representative Support Officer for the Victorian Branch.

OH&S representatives are encouraged to contact Max for assistance and support in the

workplace.

James Weissman is employed by the VTHC Return to Work Unit and is currently seconded to the union's Victorian Branch to assist our injured members in returning to work following work place injuries through advice on rehabilitation, training and support.

James and Max are currently working on developing a range of OH&S policies for CFMEU FFPD members.

Union Collective Agreements (UCAs) *UPDATE*

Current UCAs being negotiated

- Timbertruss
- Mathews Timber
- Bunnings
- RE Spence Doors
- Shugg Joinery

- Canterbury
- Stolar Joinery
- All 10 Bowen's sites across Victoria

UCAs coming up for negotiation

- Stegbar

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Delegate Training 3 day course

Delegate training was held for Union delegates in the Doors and Windows Sector during August.

Topics covered included:

- Delegates rights and responsibilities
- What happens in redundancy situations
- Communication in the workplace
- Educating members about the industry
- Challenges for business in a global market
- Change management

CFMEU FFPD Trainer Peter Stafford was impressed by the knowledge and commitment shown by the delegates in attendance and the union has had very positive feedback from the course participants.

Peter said,

"The course was a huge success - the delegates who attended will now be in a position to assist members at a workplace level through a greater understanding of the industry, the industrial relations system and the union and the wide range of services and support available to our members.

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