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THE ABCC UNDERMINES SAFETY.
TAKE A STAND ON INTERNATIONAL
WORKERS' DAY OF MOURNING.



RALLY 28 APRIL

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LOWEST BLOW YET

ABCC times threat letters to ruin Easter

CFMEU members who worked on the Royal Children's Hospital and Myer Docklands sites got a taste of the bosses coppers' dirty tactics on the day before Good Friday.

Just as their thoughts were turning to a rest and family time, the targeted workers were served with letters telling them to agree to be interviewed by the following Tuesday or face a \$13,000 fine.

In the letters, ABCC team leader Michelle Cozadinos told workers that they could receive immunity from prosecution if they informed on CFMEU officials. In other words, *dob in your Union reps and we won't put the screws on you.*

The ABCC well knew that the Tuesday after Easter was an RDO, and clearly hoped to upset holiday plans.

Bovis Lend Lease, builder on both of the sites, also has questions to answer. Did they hand over workers' personal details without their knowledge?

When the news broke, CFMEU National Secretary Dave Noonan hit the airwaves, calling it a 'low act'. Embarrassed, the ABCC started telling journalists that the interview deadline was flexible. This was a lie, as the letter clearly said Tuesday 6 April, with no exceptions.

Important: Any CFMEU member approached by the ABCC should **tell them nothing**, and contact the Union office.

Red Card fee increase

The cost of the industry OH&S induction course run by the CFMEU Training Unit is now \$150.

ARK TRIBE – ON TRIAL FOR STAND OVER SAFETY

Victorian CFMEU members extend a warm welcome to Ark Tribe on his visit to our April shop stewards meeting.

His refusal to submit to an ABCC interrogation has been an inspiration and shone the spotlight on the abuse of building workers' rights.

Never forget that Ark is only in the dock because he and his workmates took a stand on safety. The builder wouldn't rectify hazards so the workers downed tools. Despite Safework SA backing the workers, the ABCC took the builder's side, fining the CFMEU organiser and removing his right of entry and putting Ark on trial.

When he faces trial – and a possible six month jail sentence – on 15 June he will have the support of all CFMEU members.

Pull-up for Domenic Amato

A long-time BLF and CFMEU activist, Domenic is well-known around the industry. He has served as a shop steward and organiser, and always been the first to show support to his comrades in times of need.

In 2008 Domenic suffered a severe heart attack, and has been off work since. His income protection will end shortly, and he still requires expensive medication. He is married with a 10-year-old son.

All members are encouraged to get behind a benefit for Domenic:

5pm Friday 14 May

Orr St, Carlton South

Entry \$20 (or \$10 donation)

Raffle Prize \$500 JB HiFi voucher

Music and refreshments

Tickets from your organiser or the CFMEU office.

**International workers day of mourning rally and march
Wednesday 28 April, details overleaf.**

