



# Baillieu shows true colours

## Just another Liberal union-basher

Premier Ted Baillieu has announced a new 'Code of Practice' for State Government construction projects. This will force builders to implement Liberal anti-union policies or be struck off the tender list for future work.

Specifically, the code will:

- **Discourage project agreements** and stop workers from picking up better conditions on major sites
- **Force project contractors to inform** the Victorian State Government about all activity on their sites
- **Duplicate the ABCC** with another costly taskforce to enforce the code
- **Insist that contractors sue workers** over minor disputes.

Meanwhile, bosses who rip off workers or put their safety at risk, will be able to stay out of trouble as long as they promise not to do it again.

This code does nothing to address real issues facing the industry – like the loss of local manufacturing jobs to cheap imports, and apprentice levels. Sham contracting is mentioned once in passing.

**Howard-era Industrial Relations Minister Peter Reith has welcomed Baillieu's new code**

The achievements of CFMEU members have always got up the noses of the Liberals and their big-business backers. Taking his cues from John Howard, Baillieu has adopted the typical Liberal response: use public funds to strip conditions and rights and create another anti-worker police force.

**Stick 100% with the CFMEU and get the word out to family and friends – Baillieu is anti-worker and needs booting out of office at the first opportunity.**

## AWU deals help Libs' push

**The sweetheart deals between the AWU and contractors bidding for the Regional Rail Link play right into Baillieu's hands.**

**This is the time for a united front against the Libs, but the AWU is more interested in selling out conditions to get coverage.**



## Site Allowances up

# Rates from 1 October 2011

### New projects Melbourne inner suburbs and shopping centres

- Projects **between \$2.7million and \$208.6million: \$3.70 per hour.**
- For projects **over \$208.6 million**, see chart below.

**Renovations and refurbishment, Melbourne and inner suburbs: \$3.25 per hour.**

### New projects elsewhere

Project value \$million	Site allowance \$ per hour
\$2.7 – 7.0 million	\$2.10
\$7.0 – 17.3 million	\$2.30
\$17.3 – 34.8 million	\$2.60
\$34.8 – 69.5 million	\$3.05
\$69.5 – 139.1 million	\$3.60
\$139.1 – 208.6 million	\$3.70
\$208.6 – 278.0 million	\$3.85
\$278.0 – 417.1 million	\$4.00
For projects above \$417.1 million, there shall be an increment of 10 cents per additional \$100m or part thereof.	

### Incolink up (from 1 October)

New employer redundancy contribution rate: **\$69/week**

Initial redundancy benefit rate: **\$4801.90**

## West Gate Tragedy Commemoration, this Saturday, 15 October

Gather at the Memorial Park, Hyde Street Spotswood, from 11.00am onwards with a minute's silence observed at 11.50am, the precise time the accident occurred on that day in 1970.

A memorial to Joe Owens, the last worker killed during construction of the bridge, will also be unveiled.



## EBA's

All employers covered by the pattern agreement (builders, large subcontractors) have been sent a letter advising them that they need to re-sign.

Sector agreements for demolition, precast, civil and scaffolding are being finalised now.



## Picnic Day

Don't forget, the Melbourne Picnic will be held at **Caulfield Racecourse (not Moonee Valley)** on **Monday 5 December**.

