

# ALL WE NEED DO IS WAIT – RIGHT?



Last weekend Labour leader Phil Goff promised:

“one of the first things Labour will do in Government is scrap the 90-day fire at will law and restore fairness at work.”

“Labour will never accept a law that allows people to be sacked for no reason and with no means to challenge unfair dismissal.”

So all we need to do now to get a fair go is wait a year and then vote Labour?

Not on past form.

The last Labour government was elected on a promise to repeal National’s union busting Employment Contracts Act.

Instead they changed the name of the law to the Employment Relations Act, which kept nearly all the restrictions and penalties for striking that National introduced.

Under Labour solidarity striking - even by members of the same union -

could be punished by fines and or imprisonment.

Labour talk nice to workers when they want votes, but once safely in government they act like the capitalist party they actually are.

In 1989 44 percent of workers were members of unions. That had declined to 22 percent when Helen Clark and Labour came to power in 1999.

Under Labour, union membership remained stagnant. After nine years of Labour only 21 percent of the workforce were members of unions. In the private sector the number was just 12 percent of workers.

Workers rights don't come courtesy of any capitalist politicians, but only from the struggle of the workers themselves.

## The Workers Party says:

- \* Jobs belong to the worker, not the employer. For the unrestricted rights for workers to organise, strike, speak and publish.

- \* Full equality for women, Maori and other ethnic minorities and people of all sexual orientations and identities

- Abolish GST. This regressive tax, first introduced by Labour, gouges the poor by taking money from workers' after tax income.

- \* Repeal all anti worker laws: including the anti-strike provisions in the ERA.

- \* Open borders -Abolition of all immigration controls and full rights for migrant workers.

- \* All Elected Representatives on to be the Average Workers' Wage.

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