THE TRUTH ABOUT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Most Employment Providers exist to make money off unemployment. They seek profits over the well-being of the unemployed worker, and act in questionable ways in their pursuit of government funds. Despite this, the government continues to support them.

Here are some facts about Employment Service Providers they don't want you to know:

• The ABC reports that over a three-year period, Employment Service Providers made \$41 million in false claims from the government. And this is only what the government has chosen to reveal.

• The ABC also reports that in 2012, the government released a report stating that only 40% of taxpayer funds given to Providers could be verified as appropriately spent.

• On the ABC's Four Corners, a former Job Network employee whistleblower stated that 80% of the agency's claims for government funds had "some sort of manipulation on them, from a forged signature with everything completely falsified to manipulation of a date or the hours worked".

• A few years ago, the government found that Max Employment had enrolled 141 people into a single training course despite the fact its training room could only fit 15 jobseekers at time. The government let them claim the money anyway.

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UNEMPLOYED UNDER ATTACK!

The Australian Coalition government wants to cut Newstart payments and give job agencies more power over the lives of unemployed workers.

THE AUSTRALIAN UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' UNION REJECTS THIS.

- The Coalition is ignoring Australia's growing unemployment crisis - 19 job seekers compete for each job vacancy – the highest ratio of job seekers to job vacancies since records began. The Government needs to stop punishing the unemployed for this economic crisis and create good jobs!
- 2. The Coalition is pushing the unemployed into poverty Newstart is \$390 per fortnight below the poverty line – the lowest unemployment benefit in the developed world. Fining the unemployed will result in many people not being able to afford rent or essentials.
- The Coalition is giving job providers too much power caseworkers can decide to reduce or suspend welfare payments – the government is handing private organisations the power to punish unemployed workers to to the point of homelessness and/or suicidal depression.

IT'S TIME TO FIGHT BACK!

Note: To lodge an official complaint about your provider, call the Department of Employment on **1800 805 260**.

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