



anti apec protest, korea 2005

# workers against apec

APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation) is a forum for governments and capitalists around the region to get together and discuss economic matters. Many issues are discussed in regards to trade, economic policy, subsidies and regulations.

These talks are aimed at maximising profits for business. Businesses are in competition with each other, so they often disagree among themselves. But they are all united in wanting to expand and in getting a bigger share of profits for themselves.

Our labour, as workers, is what creates their profits. The lower our wages, the higher their profits. So workers' wages and conditions are treated as costs to be minimised.

Workers organising rights are used to improve wages and conditions. Therefore at APEC, capitalists and their governments will talk and try to decide how to reduce our power to organise and act. The weaker we are, the less they will pay us, the more flexible we will become, the longer we will work, and the less safe our workplaces will be.

We are not against globalisation. We are for international solidarity – worker to worker, workplace to workplace, industry to industry, union to union, country to country. It's time to stand together with workers everywhere.

# workers change the world

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## aawl meetings

Tuesday 4 September 07                      Our public meetings  
Tuesday 2 October 07                      are at 6 pm in the  
Tuesday 13 November 07                  Evatt Room Trades Hall  
Tuesday 5 February 08                      54 Victoria Street  
Tuesday 4 March 08                          Carlton South

## radio

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Membership: \$50 solidarity / \$30 full / \$10 concession

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## struggle song

Workers across the world united  
Stand up for justice & what's ours  
With my comrades beside me  
See the power of our class

Dare to fight ! Dare to win !  
March together arm in arm  
With my comrades beside me  
See the power of our class

Workers across the world united  
Stand up for justice & what's ours  
Are we Union? Yes we are  
See the power of our class

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### the story of the struggle song

On 17 May 1980 martial law was declared in South Korea. In the industrial city of Kwan-ju protests continued for nine days. The government sent in troops. More than 2000 workers were killed. The Struggle Song was written to commemorate this massacre. Korean unions have said that the Struggle Song belongs to all workers. They ask all unions in the Asia Pacific region to sing it. Already Korean, Indonesian, Taiwanese and Thai workers sing versions of this song. This is the Australian version.

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