

FEDERAL ELECTION 2010

Issues and information for CPSU members in the public sector



If you care about essential public services and rights at work, make sure your vote counts in the 2010 election.

Essential public services:

As a CPSU member, you understand how important the public sector is. Every day, you and your workmates care for families, secure our borders, develop public policy and provide valuable advice to the Federal Government. But with continuing uncertainty about the global economy, Australia needs a strong and stable public sector. The outcome of this election will have a profound effect on the shape, size and direction of the Australian Public Service. Please consider your vote carefully.

"We are going to trim the public service by 12,000."



"Not since the era of Fightback under John Hewson has an Opposition been prepared to nominate hard cuts to, for instance, public servant numbers..."



"A strong and responsible Government improving and protecting the essential public services and basic rights our people depend on, including so importantly, their rights at work."

Tony Abbott Coalition leader: **Julia Gillard ALP leader**

Macquarie Radio, 29 June 2010 and CEDA conference, 22 June 2010 *Canberra Press Conference, 24 June 2010*

Key CPSU issues	Coalition position	Labor position
APS Staffing Levels	- 12,000 job cuts over 2 years - more job losses expected as a result of \$45.8b 'savings' and program cuts	- no change to overall APS employment
Moran Review / APS Reform Blueprint	- discontinue Blueprint, no further details	- support Blueprint plan to build strong APS with a unified workforce
Workplace Relations	- return to <i>WorkChoices</i> under new name - individual contracts - fewer rights for members and delegates	- support role of unions and delegates - support streamlining of APS bargaining - acknowledge the need to fix APS pay gaps
Medibank Private	- sell off	- keep in public ownership
Superannuation	- no increase in employer contribution	- increase employer contribution: 9% to 12%
Journey Cover	- oppose reintroduction of recess and journey cover	- commitment to reinstate recess coverage - no commitment on journey cover

Taking up your issues

Over the coming weeks, CPSU Executive and delegates will continue to meet with local MPs and candidates to explain our view on a range of issues, including the need for:

- proper funding for public services and jobs including ABC, SBS and CSIRO
- genuine negotiations on pay and conditions
- restoration of fair workers' compensation rights
- access and training for workplace delegates.

What you can do

Learn more about what parties are proposing for the public sector at www.cpsu.org.au

Contact us to get involved in local activities at – rights@cpsu.org.au or call 1300 137 636.