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Do Unions Hate Self-Employed People?

Hi

Yesterday I had a radio debate with the head union boss Ged Kearney of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, on the union campaign to damage self-employed people. Ged says that I'm wrong and unions actually love self-employed people.

But my claim is that, on the evidence of the union agitation, they think that [only full-time permanent work](#) is moral and legitimate. Here's the ABC [Radio National debate](#).

Through the Gillard Government, the unions are turning their desires into government action. I explained this in [The Australian last week](#).

The ACTU produced a survey that it claims showed 'working' Australians support its 'permanent work' campaign. We looked at the survey and commented that the survey [proved the reverse](#). Now an academic from Monash University, Dr Tui McKeown, has also done an analysis of the survey showing that its conclusions [do not stand up to scrutiny](#).

This debate over the future of work has a long way to go. Do we insist on pushing everyone into a sameness? Or do we embrace diversity of work arrangements? That's what self-employment is about.

Regards

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PS: Want to get into the debate? Join me and Peter Strong tomorrow (Wednesday 30 November) in Melbourne for a pub discussion over a meal. 6-30pm. [Details and bookings](#).

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