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Gillard and the Return of Worker Fear

Hi

A carpenter in the construction sector said to me a few years ago: "For the first time in my 20-year working life I'm not fearful when I go to work". He said this after seeing the construction cop, the ABCC, stop union bullying on a construction site. This is the real truth behind the construction sector. It's ordinary workers who are oppressed by union heavies.

It's ordinary workers who gave us [this video](#) of trying to get to work through a CFMEU picket line at Westgate Bridge. The same workers were constantly harassed, threatened and bullied. It was the ABCC that gave them some protection. The CFMEU was [fined \\$1.3 million](#) over proven violence by them on the bridge.

Yet this week the Gillard government is pushing through legislation to kill off the construction cop, the ABCC. That action will do most harm to ordinary workers in the construction sector—both employees and self-employed contractors. Fear is on the way back. The government has the numbers.

We've revealed before the [CFMEU's control of the Greens](#). They also seem to have control of the votes of the independents. The independents aren't listening to ordinary workers but rather to union heavies. It's a 'done', anti-worker deal cooked up in the Australian parliament.

Ordinary construction workers will not thank Julia Gillard, her government, the Greens and the independents for their 'gift' of fear.

Regards

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