

WHAT CAN WE DO?

The fate of the laws will be determined by the Senate crossbench, and they're likely to vote on the bill in November.

Labor and the Greens have said they totally oppose the bill.

It comes down to a handful of Senators.

Jacqui Lambie has said that she will support the bill unless John Setka steps down as CFMEU Victorian Secretary. This will not happen, and we oppose any politician choosing our unions leaders.

The two SA Centre Alliance Senators, Rex Patrick and Stirling Griff are critical.

We need you to make your voice heard so these Senators make the right call. Sign up and send them an email at:

https://constructioncrisis.cfmeu.org.au

Or give them a call to ask with respect that they oppose the bill and that this issue will shape your vote.

- Senator Stirling Griff: (08) 8212 1409
- Senator Rex Patrick: (08) 8232 1144
- Senator Jacqui Lambie (03) 6431 3112

Don't let the Government take over our union.

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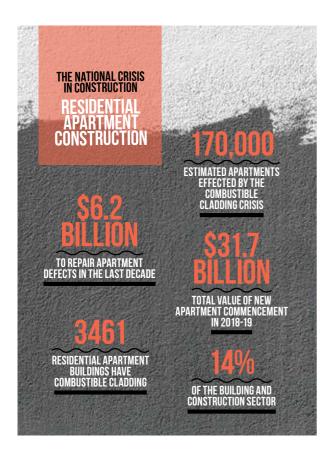
THE 'ENSURING INTEGRITY' SHAM



The Liberal's 'Ensuring Integrity' Bill will try to silence our union leaders, lower safety standards, clamp your rights at work and cut your wages. It does nothing to fix the real crisis in construction in Australia. The only thing it ensures is fatter profits for property developers, lower wages and worse safety.

THIS BILL TILTS THE TABLES EVEN MORE

Seriously corrupt corporations don't face laws as harsh as those proposed for unions and their officials. This law lets off company directors responsible for deaths on construction sites, defective building standards, wage theft, sham contracting and phoenix companies.



THE REAL CRISIS IN CONSTRUCTION GOES IGNORED

Meanwhile, cost blowouts and delays have wasted taxpayer dollars to the tune of \$10.8 billion over the past ten years and may cost an additional \$5.0 billion over the coming three years. Australia's apartment building and construction crisis will cost \$6.2 billion to fix. All down to sloppy regulation and outsourcing.

The Federal Government's only answer is to silence whistle-blowers by putting even more power in the hands of major construction companies, through the so-called 'Ensuring Integrity' Bill.

These laws are a sham that stop workers shining a light on the big issues through their unions.

IT STOPS UNION DEMOCRACY

The Bill gives the government and employers the power to have union leaders removed from office. If members of a union go on strike, or take any unauthorised industrial action, the employer or government can apply to



have the union deregistered, put it into administration, or have elected union officials removed from office and replaced by an appointed administrator.

The government or employers get to take away union members' democratic right to elect the people they want to represent them and run their unions.

They can be replaced by someone who the members don't want – an outsider, a corporate stooge, a government flunky.

That person will then have the power to spend members' money, hire and fire union staff, deal with members' issues and work with employers – but they won't be accountable to members.



UNIONS CAN BE STOPPED FROM GROWING AND EVEN ERASED

Under this law, it will be easier to deregister unions and it will be harder for unions to amalgamate, even if their members vote for it. No other democratic country has laws that allow for this sort of state interference in unions. Only Brazil has similar laws that carry over from when they were a dictatorship.

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