



SYDNEY BRANCH NEWS

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ELECTION UPDATE #4

With under three weeks to go now, we are in the home straight of this election and victory is a real possibility. Polls in the sixteen key marginal seats are definitely indicating that there is a definite swing against the Liberal / National coalition in all seats which may be enough to change Government.

Election '07 Resolution

By Sydney Branch Committee of the
Maritime Union of Australia (1/11/07)

The Maritime Union of Australia Sydney Branch Committee recognises the vital need to remove the Howard Government from office.

No Australian Government has been so destructive on the issue of workers rights or so reactionary on social, economic and environmental policy. The totally pro corporate agenda of Howard and his Government is so out of touch with the aspirations and hopes of the Australian people, who strive for a decent and progressive society, that we have no option but to activate and mobilise ourselves to the maximum possible extent in order to remove the worst Government in Australian history.

The obnoxious WorkChoices legislation must be defeated and the only hope we have of doing that is to remove the Government that put those laws in place.

In doing so the Sydney Branch of the Maritime Union of Australia recognises the positive and progressive role played by a range of left and progressive political forces that have struggled against the Howard Government and their extreme IR laws. The Branch will continue to commit to working with and building

alliances and coalitions with the broadest range of groups and parties that have as their basic principle the interests of the working class.

In this most important election the Branch Committee has given consideration to the best and most advantageous position for the union and has decided that the Branch will give its support to the ALP and the Greens.

We do this because it is our considered view that supporting the Greens and the ALP presents us with the best opportunity to remove the

with the Branch and enlist for some leafleting or to work on a polling booth on election day.

Don't let this election pass without knowing we have done everything we can to ensure we put ourselves in the best possible position to protect our wages and working conditions from the ravages of Howard and his pro big business government.

Vote for the ALP or Greens. Put the Liberals/Nationals last.

**Sydney Branch Committee
Maritime Union of Australia**

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Howard Government from office. Most of all we need to ensure we put the Liberals and Nationals plus other extreme right wing pro WorkChoices parties, like One Nation, last.

With this in mind we call on all MUA members to get active and work to ensure the defeat of the Howard Government. If members don't want to support a particular political party they can activate themselves around the Your Rights at Work campaign. There is something that everyone can do to remove Howard from office. We must spare no effort to ensure we achieve this vital aim.

The Sydney Branch Committee calls on all members to get in contact

HELP NEEDED!!!

We have a number of polling booths that the Sydney Branch will be responsible for on election day, November 24, in the seats of Dobell, Lindsay, Bennelong, Parramatta and Banks. If you are available for a few hours please fill out the form overleaf and get it back to the Branch

Sydney Branch: 02-9264-5024
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Vote for the ALP or the Greens
But most importantly...
Put the Liberals/Nationals LAST!

Maritime Union of Australia Sydney Branch - 2007 Federal Election



VOLUNTEER FORM

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| Name: | | | |
| Address: | | | |
| Home Phone: | | Mobile Phone: | |
| Email address: | | | |
| Federal Electorate: (if known) | | | |

What can you help with? (please tick)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Letterboxing | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrutineering on election day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doorknocking | <input type="checkbox"/> Staffing a campaign office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handing out on election day | <input type="checkbox"/> Putting up posters |

Candidate poster

- I am happy for the Sydney Branch to organise for a poster of my local MUA supported Federal candidate in my front yard

The best times that I am available to help are: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR DELEGATE OR FAX BACK TO
SYDNEY BRANCH MUA (FAX: 02-9261-4548)