

Put yourself in their shoes

Australian workers face jail and fines up to \$28,000 for taking industrial action about safety in their workplace.

107 Western Australian building workers face jail and personal fines of up to \$28,600.

Their crime? Participating in a stoppage in support of a sacked workmate and refusing to accept persistent safety breaches in their workplace.

This is the largest prosecution to date of individual workers under the Federal Government's harsh new laws for building workers, part of its radical industrial relations changes.

The workers are being prosecuted for taking part in industrial action in support of a sacked health and safety representative.

The Government claims the strike was illegal and therefore under its new IR laws for building workers, the individual employees can be charged and fined up to \$28,600 each.

The individual workers stand to lose their family homes and everything they've worked for if the Government's prosecution succeeds.

When ordinary working Australians can be fined up to \$28,600, the impact of the Federal Government's IR laws on working families becomes very stark.

What if it was your child who stood up for their rights, especially the right to a safe workplace? How would they be able to pay a \$28,000 fine?

Our children and our students entering the workforce should not have their lives put at risk because of fear that they can be fined for taking action in support of workplace safety.



The Howard Government must be held accountable for these laws.

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