

## SCLC focuses on elections

THIS weekend's NSW election was described as a "referendum on WorkChoices" at last night's annual meeting of the South Coast Labour Council.

With the focus firmly on the two elections scheduled for 2007, South Coast Labour Council secretary Arthur Rorris stressed the link between a Labor win in NSW this weekend and a defeat for the Howard Government later this year.

"It is essential that Howard gets the message that if Debnam goes down this weekend, it will be due in large part to his support for these draconian IR laws, which have enslaved working families," Mr Rorris said.

"This is a special year for the union movement, and we welcome the opportunity to finish the job and fully prosecute the Your Rights at Work campaign."

Mr Rorris reserved some criticism for the Lemna government, demanding an improved performance on transport, health and education if the Labor Party was re-elected.

"The unions expect a greater commitment to regional infrastructure, to serve as a lever for economic development," Mr Rorris said.

"We expect improved delivery and accessibility of health services and in education, we think that more can be done at state level to address skills shortages."