

# SOUTH COAST LABOUR COUNCIL

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### 7000 IN GONG IR RALLY

More than 7000 people turned out in Wollongong for a lunch time rally against the Howard Government's new IR laws.

The turn out in Wollongong, a part of the National Day of Protest surpassed the wildest expectations of the rally organisers and have set alarm bells ringing for the Federal Government.

Arthur Rorris, South Coast Labour Council Secretary said,  
"We were expecting 1000 -1500 and we got 7000 workers.

If that was not sending a message to the Howard Government that their new IR laws are unacceptable, nothing will."

"To have a line up of not only Unionists but also Church Ministers and even employers all speaking out against these un-Australian laws confirms our view that there is a tide of broad community opposition mounting against the Federal Government and their unjust decisions."

"This lunch time rally will be a tea party compared to plans in November for a general mobilisation of workers and their families which will aim to set yet another record as the largest public march and rally ever seen in this region."

The final act of the rally was to offer an AWA to Liberal Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells after it had been signed by a cleaner in Wollongong, on behalf of the Citizens of Wollongong, the Senators employer.

It was announced to the rally that South Coast Labour Council President, Joanne Kowalczyk and Assistant Secretary, Mark Armstrong will lead a delegation of Illawarra workers to her office to seek her acceptance of the agreement. (attached)

Through out the region more than 1000 workers have demonstrated against the Howard Government in rallies held in Nowra, Queanbeyan and Goulburn.

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