

SOUTH COAST LABOUR COUNCIL

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Rates Rise Plus Workchoices = Working Families Under Stress

The South Coast Labour Council has labelled today's interest rate rise, the sixth in the Government's current term, as a kick in the guts for working families already facing growing uncertainty and income pressure from the Workchoices changes.

South Coast Labour Council Secretary, Arthur Rorris, said:

"The effects of Workchoices on the family budget combined with rising interest rates spells more bad news for the region's working families."

"No wonder Howard's battlers feel betrayed and are deserting him in droves"

"Three years ago Howard asked "Who do you trust to keep interest rates low" and in three weeks he will get their answer.

"How are young families expected to make a start and buy a home when they have no employment security, the threat of AWAs reducing their pay and conditions and rising interest rates ?

"The worst part of this for families in regional Australia is that they are also battling high youth unemployment, and all John Howard can say is that Australian families have never had it so good."

"I think there are plenty of working families who reckon that an Australian Prime Minister has never got it so wrong."

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