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**The Turnbull Government wants to make the job of unions as hard as possible. Unions fight for wage increases, jobs and financial security in work and retirement for working people. When Governments attack unions all working people suffer.**

The Turnbull Government is attacking unions with unfair laws and police raids. Now they are demanding the Senate pass even more extreme laws to hand over superannuation to the banks and give even more power to the Registered Organisation Commission (the ROC) and Michaelia Cash to harass unions. These laws are so extreme, they would never apply to banks, corporations or political parties.

Instead of fixing record low wage growth and fixing the mass casualisation of jobs the Turnbull Government is obsessed with attacking unions.

Right now, the Federal Government has five new pieces of legislation before the Parliament to make the work unions do even harder.

There's two pieces of legislation designed to give even more power to the Registered Organisations Commission. The first will give the Minister the power to close a union or ban an elected union official, the second will make it illegal for unions to set up funds and programs to protect workers' financial security, like providing redundancy payments if a company goes bust.

The other three bills will attack workers' financial security allowing the banks to get their hands on working people's superannuation.

Unions are being attacked because we stand up for workers and speak out. Our democracy is weakened when Governments attack organisations that criticise them.



## And here's what we're going to do about it:

- We're fighting back. We need every worker and every community to know what is happening and how we need to change the rules for working people.
- The Turnbull government needs to immediately withdraw the bills that give the ROC more power. The Australian union movement has said from day one that the Registered Organisations Commission was a biased political agency created by the Turnbull Government to persecute workers and unions.
- The Senate must refuse to pass the Turnbull Government's bills which give the ROC even more power to launch political attacks.
- We need a truly independent corruption fighting body, like a federal ICAC that everyone is subject to – banks, businesses, political parties and unions. This body can decide the right priorities in the public interests, not political interests
- We need to stop the Turnbull Government attacking working peoples' financial security by doing the bidding of the banks and trying to pass laws that would hand over industry superannuation to the banks.
- We need to build a movement to Change the Rules for working people, ask your friends to join us.



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