

# WorkChoices: Back from the dead

**Tony Abbott** has said that **WorkChoices** was “dead, buried and cremated”.

But in the Australian Financial Review (9/4/13), leaked Coalition policy has revealed a plan to resurrect important elements of WorkChoices.



The AFR reveals that the Coalition policy will:

- X Allow individual agreements to run for 4 years.**  
Like the 5 year unfair individual contracts under **Section 352** of WorkChoices.
- X Require workers to individually ask for representation in bargaining.**  
Just like the “Bargaining Agents” system under **Section 335** of WorkChoices.
- X Cut minimum hours of work for young workers.**  
Just like the unfair individual contracts that stripped award conditions under **Section 354** of WorkChoices.
- X Restore unilateral “employer greenfield agreements”**  
where employers can dictate the terms of agreements on new projects or business without the agreement of workers or unions. Just like the old **Section 330** of WorkChoices.

Opposition spokesman Senator Eric Abetz said there was more to come.  
A Coalition source talked about 15 key changes.

WorkChoices. It's in the Coalition's DNA. They can't help themselves.