



Formalising exploitation: The guest worker experience

Scratch the surface on John Howard's guest worker program and horrific exploitation and mistreatment soon appears. Workers forced to live in factories, paying agents thousands of dollars just to get a job, paid less than the minimum wage, assaulted for requesting their pay, sacked and facing deportation for requesting a safe workplace. These are just some of the experiences of guest workers under the 457 scheme.

With a boom in guest worker numbers, an Immigration Department stretched to breaking point, and few legal protections for these workers, this forum looks at the policy changes required to halt this serious exploitation.

Time: 1pm – 2pm (ALP National Conference lunch break)

Date: Friday 27 April 2007

Venue: Trades Hall Auditorium, 377 Sussex St, Sydney

Speakers:

- **Tony Burke** (Shadow Immigration Minister)
- **John Sutton** (CFMEU National Secretary)
- **Rajan Kandasami** (457 visa worker)
- **Doug Cameron** (AMWU National Secretary)
- **MC – Mark Lennon** (Unions NSW Assistant Secretary)

Cost: Free (light lunch provided)

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