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**On April 29, 2008**

Terry McCrann  
Australia's Leading Business Commentator  
Herald Sun  
Melbourne

Dear Terry

**Re: [Inflation hawks gone soft](http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,23613805-664,00.html)**  
(<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,23613805-664,00.html>)

The RBA has been “instructed” by the Government to take into account inflation and employment – the way the RBA is going they will put Australia into a recession we “don't have to have” – with “masses” more unemployed and underemployed FULL STOP

Read what Gary Morgan, Luke Griffiths and Julian McCrann wrote on November 9, 2007; and Gary Morgan and Michele Levine wrote on December 19, 2007.

[November 9, 2007 - Reserve Bank Turns Up The Heat On Australian Workers](http://www.roymorgan.com/resources/pdf/papers/20071101.pdf)  
(<http://www.roymorgan.com/resources/pdf/papers/20071101.pdf>)

[December 19, 2007 - Would The L-NP Have Been Re-Elected If The Government Had Honestly & Accurately Reported Unemployment \(And Underemployment\)?](http://www.roymorgan.com/resources/pdf/papers/20071202.pdf)  
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Your article today has only taken into account the “very questionable” ABS CPI figure; you have not taken into account the large number of underemployed and unemployed.

We last advertised through your MX newspapers for telephone interviewers and received 211 applications – unfortunately a large number of telephone jobs are going “off shore” to India, Philippines, etc.

When we last advertised through SEEK, for “Trainee data analyst”, in total 4,372 people viewed the job summary, 471 viewed the ad and we received 44 applications – most with degrees.

FACTS!

Neither the Rudd Government nor the media want to know the FACTS.

“Work Choices” type legislation and a less regulated labour market is the only way forward, NOT what is being proposed by Julia Gillard and the Rudd Government.

The Howard Government didn't accept the facts on "true" unemployment or correctly address Work Choices. The LNP lost the Work Choices debate because they didn't explain the advantages of a less regulated labour market.

Our surveys before the election clearly showed those on AWAs were MORE satisfied with their jobs than others (we published this more than once) - there were about as many electors who were strongly in favour of Work Choices as there were those strongly against it.

Unfortunately the Howard Government **lied re: Work Choices** (as they did with "children overboard", the reason for sending troops to the War in Iraq, the AWB Iraq dealings, etc) by claiming "**nobody would be worse off under Work Choices**". So as not to expose this "lie", the Howard Government never admitted there were [large numbers of people wanting to work or do more work \(underemployed\) – 1.5 million FACT!](#)

[March 14, 2008 "The Fantasy of Full Employment" by Michele Levine, CEO Roy Morgan Research - Address to the National Press Club March 14, 2008 \(http://www.roymorgan.com/resources/pdf/papers/20080302.pdf\)](#)

Some people were always going to be "worse off" under "Work Choices" (**as they should have been**) because they were part of the **employment rorts** (still the case with too many Federal, State and Local public servants!).

Why should attendants at State Government "public places" get \$45+ an hour on Sunday and \$18 an hour Monday to Friday - a joke!!! Airport valet drivers are another good example of a workplace rort.

The only people who "don't understand" that the Howard Government didn't lose the election because of Work Choices seem to be the Liberals - **the ALP have reports which show what I have stated is a fact!**

The Liberals lost the election because they didn't debate why "Work Choices" works - Howard should have "lead the charge". Howard lost the election because of poor advice from Crosby Textor. Like Fraser, Howard should have had more than one debate SIMPLE!

Regards

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