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High Court decision on industrial relations

Today's decision by the High Court of Australia does not change the substance of the Howard Government's industrial relations legislation, which is still unfair and cuts workers' pay and conditions, Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, said today.

“The High Court's decision today only finds that the Constitutional power relied on by the Howard Government to introduce its industrial relations laws is valid.

“Yesterday the Howard Government announced yet further new regulations, which attack the entitlements of workers in five key areas including the right of an employer to stand down employees.

“The Howard Government's industrial relations legislation is still massively complex for both workers and employers, and it still cuts wages and conditions of workers”, Ms Bird said.

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