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House of Representatives
Employment & Work place
Relations Committee
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Ladies and gentlemen,

It seems resolving the employment/unemployment problem is in the too hard basket never-the-less we must not cease to find and develop strategies to overcome the dilemma otherwise we will soon be no better than a third world country an slowly superceded by the more aggressive Asian economies along the East Pacific and South China sea line.

In my humble opinion as a man on the street:

- (a) two and three day casual/part time work must be outlawed.
- (b) if employers insist on this third world activity the Government must top up the balance 2/3 days unpaid work a cost savings to the tax payer, employer 2/3 days, tax payer 2/3 days.
- (c) If the Government for reasons best know to yourselves cannot outlaw 2/3 day casual work practices and are not prepared to top up the difference can you all, at lease, see your way clear not to wipe social services benefits from people who are being offered 2/3 days casual work. I don't think that tax payer would mind.

The working week is 5 (five) days do these business open only two or three days?

In this employment finding business the Government should/must audit what these work place agencies are really dong to find people jobs, if an unemployed person is on the agencies books more than three months the agency must be taken to task and if necessary suspend their licence

- wake them up, they get the money, lets see them do the job, unless there really are no jobs?

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Education does not seem to be lacking for those who can afford it or know which button to press. Last Dec'02/Jan'03 a large number of those on social services were denied university entry because they did not have the means, this was a slap in the face considering at least 80/85% of parliamentarians had the benefit of learn now pay later.

- Deserted mothers back into the work force, a large number of these ladies now in the 35/40 year old bracket are finding it extremely difficult finding decent employment if any. These ladies are in the prime of life who sacrificed their young working years to bring up the children. These ladies must be given every advantage to get back into the work force and become useful citizens in more ways than one as they have been all this time bringing up the now generations of beneficial citizens.
- These ladies must be given the work privileges and advantages of the disabled, new or non-English speaking arrivals.

Yours faithfully

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