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OK. Who wants to hear a funny story?

Our mate Nigel Hadgkiss of that (no so) Fair Work Building Commission (The Government attack poodle) has taken the ACT branch of the CFMEU to the Federal Court for WH&S violations. The branch and their organisers are accused of doing things like "not jump through hoops for bosses" and "responding to the concerns of their members" and are facing hefty fines for doing so.

In 2014 alone the FWBC and Head contractors all over the country would copy and paste the line: "CFMEU's cynical use of safety as an industrial tool" into press releases blasted out to journalists who can no longer afford to take the time to understand the broader issue. We've been working with members and organisers to collect evidence when addressing safety issues on site in order to rebuff these insane claims time and time again, whist never taking our eyes off the actual prize - our members welfare. When Lend Lease came out swinging on our safety audits? We tweeted & Facebooked the heck out of photographic evidence that showed sites you wouldn't want your kids working on.

It defies belief that Nigel "never look at the bosses" Hadgkiss would suddenly reveal his agency to be not only Tony Abbott's diligent lapdog, but also the literal embodiment of their catch cry - The FWBC actually does use safety as an industrial tool. One whose only purpose is to distract the CFMEU from doing their job. They will not succeed.

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Federal agency to prosecute ACT CFMEU for safety breaches

Union says prosecution of officials for alleged work safety breaches politically motivated and endangers ACT workers.

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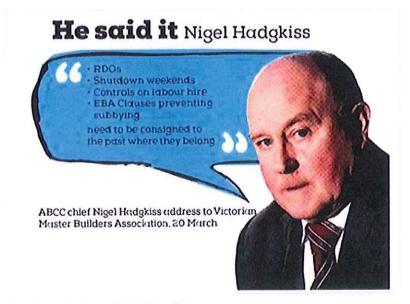
Greens Senator Lee Rhiannon spoke in parliament last week about one of our favourite topics - Nigel Hadgkiss and the FWBC.

Highlights include:

"In the last budget the FWBC picked up a 17.25 per cent increase in funding to take them to \$34.3 million. This included a 32.6 per cent increase in spending on staff. Last year Hadgkiss received a \$90,000 pay rise to take his annual salary to \$406,000. All this in a climate of budget cutbacks across the entire public sector, excluding the spy agencies and defence. Meanwhile, Hadgkiss's FWBC has offloaded any responsibility for employees' unpaid entitlements and sham contracting to the Fair Work Ombudsman, the corporate regulator ASIC and the tax office. These agencies have all suffered budget cuts, unlike the FWBC."

"I think the evidence is well and truly in that Hadgkiss has a deep level of bias against the CFMEU and construction unions and that his work is designed to assist the plan of this conservative government to drive down and abolish penalty rates, reduce wage increases and limit workers ability to fight for a safe workplace. Hadgkiss is putting himself out there as the celebrity police officer riding into town to extend his fight against organised crime into the Australian union movement. If that is how he wants to be portrayed and we can assume be remembered, surely he needs to provide an accurate record of his public life with the Royal Ulster Constabulary and with the fabricating of evidence at the Wood royal commission."

You can read the rest at: http://bit.ly/182uqd1





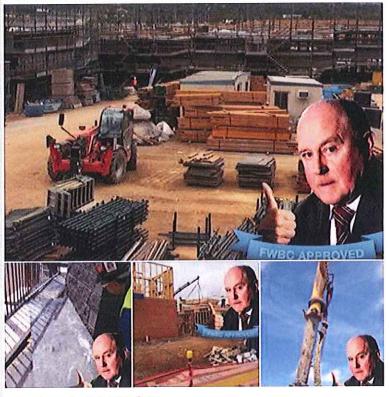
Yesterday we brought you the farce that was the FWBC bringing court action against the ACT branch

(here if you missed it https://m.facebook.com/story.php...).

Today we bring you part two! STAND UP, FIGHT BACK!

The ACT branch will soon launch their own action in the Federal Court against the companies whose sites they were seeking to access when the FWBC say they made all sorts of safety breaches.

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ABCC chief Nigel Hadgkiss address to Victorian Master Builders Association, 20 March.



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For those of you who think that maybe the Government Isn't totally out to smash your rights at work... This is Nigel; Nigel was restored to the FWBC as soon as the Liberals got in. He used to be the boss of the ABCC. He's the one who is more than ok with coming after you for \$10,000 or your home & car if you've been on strike or to a protest march - in fact, he reminds the media that it's possible every time building workers do anything, even if it's not in that instance, just to scare you.

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