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Is this appropriate for the Fair Work Commission?

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A little bird tells me that anti-Abbott government posters are stuck to the cupboards in the kitchen of the Presidential floor down at the Fair Work Commission. (The FWC building is that very shmick one on the south-west corner of Exhibition St and Flinders Lane.)

Now perhaps we can assume that none of the Presidential members condescend to enter the kitchen, but it seems to me that it is completely inappropriate that this regulator should have these posters displayed.

After all, the FWC is supposed to be our "independent umpire."

Mind you, the President, Iain Ross, has form when it comes to this sort of thing. When he was a presidential member of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, he attended an anti-WorkChoices rally, standing side by side with Bill Shorten, then national secretary of the AWU. In other words, Ross was attending a rally protesting a law that he was given the privileged position of administering.

What do you think?

Here is the ACTU poster:



Our rights at work are again under attack from the Abbott Government and employers.