

What Tony needs to answer tonight!

1. What would you do to get our dollar below 80 cents? Will you guarantee to lower the dollar?

Fact: All the experts agree that the biggest challenge for our manufactures is the High Australian dollar.

Fact: Alcoa claimed three years ago that they cannot survive if the dollar stays over 86 cents

2. Will you abolish the use of s457 visas and have all workers treated as equal permanent citizens?

Fact: Ted Ballieu wrote to the Minister for Immigration asking for Geelong to be covered by a 457 Regional Migration Agreement.

Fact: This will lift restrictions on 457 visas undercutting the job opportunities and wages of Geelong Workers. This backs Tony Abbotts call to expand 457 visas. "Under a Coalition government, section 457 visas won't be just a component, but a mainstay of our immigration program." Mr. Abbott said 'The Australian' April 27, 2012

Fact: Immigration Department figures reveal the number of 457 visas approved in the 2011-12 financial year was 125,070, a 52.3 per cent increase on the previous year.

3. Why will you cut car assistance?

FACT: The Liberals will cut \$2 billion from the car assistance fund. The loss of Ford will be catastrophic to Geelong, not just Ford but all the suppliers affected.

4. Why are you bringing back Work choices?

The Australian Friday 12/4/2013 Coalition eyes limits on bargaining

FACT: Senior Coalition figures are considering support for a proposal to impose limits on the content of workplace agreements.

Australian Financial Review Wednesday 10/4/2013 "Coalition set to crack down on union right of entry"

FACT: Draft Liberal policy requires workers to nominate a union as their representative before they start bargaining for them.

FACT: Draft Liberal IR policy lifts award restrictions on people under 18 working less than three hours a shift.

FACT: Draft Liberal IR policy will extend the operating period of individual flexibility agreements to four years.

FACT: Liberal IR policy will exempt businesses with fewer than 20 staff from unfair dismissal rules.

5. Why won't you support more funds for our schools?

FACT: Victorian Schools will get an extra \$4 billion directly targeted at students and schools in high need. It is estimated that schools in Corangamite will get an additional \$22 million annually.

FACT: Victoria would lose \$1.2 billion over the coming years if the Gillard Government's new funding model is not adopted – the equivalent of \$572,000 per school and \$1,489 per student.

6. How is copper better than fibre?

FACT: Under your Broadband plan our houses won't be connected to the fibre network. Instead of 100 mps we will get 25mps and have to rely on the old copper network.