

Dear

I'm writing to you, and other CPSU members because you live in a "Marginal Seat". You don't need me to tell you how important your vote will be on 9th October.

In any Federal Election we know that most of our members have strong views about Parties and their policies. Whatever those views, we know our members don't want their Union telling them what to think, or how to vote.

Our job is to look after your interests at work, give you information on what the Election means for you as a Union member, but not to insult your intelligence.

As a University general staff worker, you know more about the current Coalition Government's policies than most of our other CPSU members.

- You know already about the Funding cuts that started in 1996, and since - leading to the so called "Nelson Reforms".
- You've seen the restructures and the job losses.
- You've seen your University struggle with the budget it has, or be forced to raise students fees.

Because Universities are under the Federal industrial law you've had eight years' experience of the Coalition industrial policy:-

- You have seen Enterprise Bargaining, under a Coalition Government.
- You know how hard it is to get a pay rise under the Workplace Relations Act.
- You saw the Coalition cut back our General Staff Award.
- You saw the Federal Government try to make university workers and their unions take up the secret contracts called AWAs.

I'm writing to ask you to think about University Funding. Think what it has been like for you and your fellow union members to work under the Coalition industrial laws for the last eight years.

When you come to vote, think about whether you want to vote for more of the same, or whether it is time for a change?

Yours sincerely

David Carey
Federal Secretary
CPSU SPSF Group

*as our union is affiliated to the ACTU I hope you will not mind that I've taken the liberty of sending you a copy of the ACTU advice for union members.