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COMBET TO THE RESCUE CALL A STOP WORK MEETING – TUCKEY

“The appointment of Greg Combet, an expert in workplace disruption, to fix Rudd’s insulation problem is a contradiction in terms” Wilson Tuckey said today. “However the skills for business closure over which he presided at the ACTU might be those which are required”.

“Furthermore it apparently has yet to penetrate that Rudd’s previous Minister and his Department were equally skilled in preventative practice”.

“The first problem to resolve is to ensure there are no redundancies within the Good Guys in the industry, those legitimate and ethical businesses, whose workforce have extended periods of service, for example 9 years, which will cost the employer 16 weeks redundancy pay according to the table published with Fair Work Australia” Mr Tuckey said.

“There is no solution to this other than to pay them to do nothing. Some questions to be asked before the project commenced might have also been; is the building to be insulated equipped with air conditioning or central heating, from which energy consumption could be reduced? Or, as a recent academic study identifies, are the benefits of insulation the reason such an energy hungry device is installed?”

“Another question is the potential life span of the building, many of which are an older style large blocks, which are being purchased by developers for demolition and redevelopment, thus sending the insulation installed to landfill.”

“There is no practical answer to this mess but to cancel the programme and provide the long term insulation businesses with probably 12 months financial assistance until the normal market is re established.

“Combet is good at closing business down and so he may succeed” Wilson Tuckey said.

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