

# UNION GROWTH

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*"Conference urges all sections of the union to utilise the new political and industrial environment under the federal Labor Government that is more benign than the outright hostility demonstrated towards trade unions during the Howard years.*

*While the urgent imperative of lifting our membership numbers and growing the union will not be easy or straightforward it is a critical objective that all of us must focus on.*

*Conference does not look to or expect a new Labor Government or new industrial laws to do our job for us. Growing our membership is a task that must be approached systematically and will require diligent efforts on the ground.*

*We call upon the new Labor Government to drop its stated position of retaining the draconian right of entry laws that existed under Howard.*

*Conference urges all sections of the union to embrace the ACTU growth plan known as "Unions Organising and Working for a Fairer Australia".*

*While we recognise there is no one way to set about union building we will work in conjunction with the ACTU and access those parts of its growth plan that are relevant to our union and the industries we cover."*