



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle



# Media Alert

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## **JOBS ARE LESS SECURE UNDER THE HOWARD GOVERNMENT**

Australia now has more than 2.2 million casual workers – around 27 per cent of the workforce.

Labor’s Shadow Minister for Workplace Relations and the Public Service, Craig Emerson MP, will be in Newcastle tomorrow and will be available to discuss Labor’s plan to support casual workers.

Labor’s plan will give casuals a greater chance of converting to permanent work and will legislate to prevent the misuse of casual employment.

Labor will give casual employees who convert to permanent status the same rights and entitlements as other part-time and full-time workers, such as annual leave, sick leave and notice of termination.

Craig Emerson will be available for comment and has the following engagements:

**Tuesday, 21 July 2004**

- **9am – 10am**            **Interview Opportunities**  
**Venue: Office of Sharon Grierson MP**  
**427 Hunter Street, Newcastle**
- **7pm – 10.30pm**       **Industrial Relations Society: Finnegan Rudd Dinner**  
**Guest Speaker: Craig Emerson MP**  
**Venue: Noah’s on the Beach, Newcastle**

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