




Speech By  
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**INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (8.27 pm): I rise to make a contribution on the Industrial Relations and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. I have been in this chamber for about 10 years and this bill would have to be one of the most draconian, self-serving bills I have seen. It reeks of hypocrisy and self-interest. This bill is paying back the union masters of those opposite.

**Mrs Gerber:** Look at them. They don't like it.

**Mr BOOTHMAN:** I take that interjection. They do not like it. We talk about the rights of the individual. A worker has the right to join a professional organisation that will best represent them. In recent years we have seen a massive flood of people moving away from the Labor aligned unions to these independent professional associations because they want choice. All they want is choice. Many times in this chamber we have talked about individuals having rights without government interference. I was reading in the easy read guide to the Human Rights Act the section on 'Peaceful assembly and freedom of association'. These people have a right to be associated with a union which is not aligned to the Labor Party.

What is wrong with that? I have never seen the Red Union storm a government building as the CFMEU did. You can peacefully attend a rally or an event but you must not use violence. The newspaper article talked about how a security guard was pushed to the floor.

**Mrs Gerber:** People were scared.

**Mr BOOTHMAN:** I take that interjection: people were terrified.

Debate, on motion of Mr Boothman, adjourned.