

A new vision for Industrial Relations: The Howard Government agenda

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ABSTRACT

This paper traces the development of industrial relations policy since the Hancock inquiry and suggests that the current reform trajectory is about to change dramatically. The Howard government is likely to bring in radical changes with the new senate in 2005 that will fundamentally change the basis of our regulatory system. The small business model of industrial regulation that informs the reform agenda suggests that the labor movement will face major challenges and the traditional employer employee relationship will also undergo significant changes.

