

# PSA/SPSF COUNCIL REPORT

The PSA and SPSF (SA Branch) Councils met on 19 July 2010.

Major topics discussed included:

## ARK TRIBE

The General Secretary introduced Martin O'Malley, secretary of the Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union. Mr O'Malley spoke about Ark Tribe, a building worker, who is being prosecuted under a Federal law passed by the Howard Government for carrying out his role as an Occupational Health and Safety Worksite Representative.

## STATE BUDGET: JOB CUTS = SERVICE CUTS

The meeting heard a report setting out the reasons why the proposed cutbacks to public sector services are not necessary. The State Government is intent on cutting \$750 million of public sector services from the forthcoming budget despite the recent windfall gains of more than that amount from GST and other revenues.

Budget <b>cuts</b> announced due to Global Financial Crisis (June 2009)	- \$750 million
Extra GST revenue (2010 Federal Budget)	+ \$740 million
Mid Year Budget Review (Spoehr research June 2010)	+ \$1 billion
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <b>+ \$990 million</b>