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## PRIME MINISTER

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON. P.J. KEATING

### FIGHTBACK UNRAVELS - HOWARD HUMILIATED

Dr Hewson has tonight publicly humiliated his industrial relations spokesman John Howard by directly contradicting Howard's assurance that there would be no change to industrial relations policy.

This morning Mr Howard circled the wagons around his industrial relations policy and sent a message to the Liberal leadership:

"Well, there certainly won't be any changes to our industrial relations policy because our industrial relations policy has the right balance of radicalism with security and protection."

Only hours later, in an interview on A Current Affair, Dr Hewson repudiated Mr Howard's claim by stating:

"We are keeping the industrial relations policy, but we can have a look at it again, see whether we can't improve it."

The Liberal Party is now in utter disarray.

Their leader has panicked and in the panic Liberal and National Party MPs are tripping over themselves to make changes to Fightback.

Dr Hewson is now a leader in name only.

If we no longer need Fightback, if the once essential prescription for Australia is no longer needed, then why do we need Dr Hewson?

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