



Workplace relations institutions

Abolishing the Registered Organisations Commission

These amendments form part of an Australian Government commitment to provide a balanced and effective workplace relations framework for all workers and employers.

What has changed?

The passage of the *Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Act 2022* abolishes the Registered Organisations Commission and transfers the regulatory powers and functions of the Registered Organisations Commissioner to the General Manager of the Fair Work Commission.

The amendments also provide modernised enforcement options for the regulation of registered organisations, with infringement notices and enforceable undertakings to be introduced to the compliance and enforcement framework.

Conduct that occurred prior to the Registered Organisations Commission being abolished will generally continue to be subject to a potential inquiry, investigation or proceeding, and ongoing inquiries and investigations will be transferred to the General Manager of the Fair Work Commission.

Registered organisations will continue to have the same reporting and compliance obligations as they did under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*.

What do these changes mean?

Transferring the Registered Organisations Commissioner's functions and powers to the General Manager of the Fair Work Commission will mean there is a single body with regulatory responsibilities for registered organisations, simplifying the regulation of these entities.

When will these changes come into effect?

These changes will come into effect no later than 6 June 2023, or an earlier date to be fixed by proclamation.

For more information on the *Secure Jobs, Better Pay* package visit:

www.dewr.gov.au/workplace-relations.