

## Acting Fair Work Ombudsman



**Michael Campbell** was appointed Acting Fair Work Ombudsman on 29 April 2013.

The functions of the Fair Work Ombudsman include promoting harmonious, productive and cooperative workplace relations and ensuring compliance with Commonwealth workplace laws.

Immediately prior to his appointment as Acting Fair Work Ombudsman, Mr Campbell was the Group Manager Operations of the Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO), where he led the national inspectorate and advisory service groups in their mission to deliver consistent and high quality workplace relations advice, education and compliance outcomes for the Australian community.

Mr Campbell has extensive leadership experience in a number of Commonwealth agencies. He was Chief of Field Operations at Fair Work Building and Construction and is a former Deputy Commissioner of the Australian Building and Construction Commission. In each of these roles, he oversaw the operations of the national inspectorate to ensure compliance with workplace laws in the building and construction industry. Mr Campbell has also held senior positions in other Federal workplace relations regulators including the Workplace Ombudsman, the Office of Workplace Services and the Australian Industrial Registry.

Mr Campbell is a highly-skilled senior government executive with significant experience in workplace relations policy, compliance, investigations and civil penalty litigation. He is passionate about workplace relations and the enforcement of workplace relations laws in Australia. Mr Campbell holds a Master of Labour Relations Law from the University of Melbourne and a Bachelor of Business from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and is a member of the Industrial Relations Society of Victoria.

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### About the Fair Work Ombudsman

The Fair Work Ombudsman is an independent, national statutory agency that provides advice about fair work practices, rights and obligations and ensures effective compliance with the Fair Work Act, and other relevant legislation.

The Fair Work Ombudsman's jurisdiction is set out in the *Fair Work Act*, and he operates independently of Government, making his own decisions about all investigations. The Fair Work Ombudsman is neither an advocate or representative of any person or interest.

The Fair Work Ombudsman is focused on serving the needs of everyone covered by the Australian federal workplace relations system. The organisation works actively to build strong

and effective relationships with industry, unions and other stakeholders.

Nationally, the organisation has over 850 directly employed staff with more engaged through service delivery contracts with the states of Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia. The staff of the Fair Work Ombudsman operate under delegation to provide advice, and investigate and resolve complaints about potential breaches of the law (including through the commencement of litigation, where necessary, for serious breaches). The services of the Fair Work Ombudsman are free to all workers and employers in Australia.

The Fair Work Ombudsman works closely with Fair Work Commission to ensure that both organisation's services are integrated, timely, relevant and accessible to all Australians.