

## Strong pass rate for Footscray and Laverton warehouse businesses

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Almost 80 percent of businesses operating warehouse facilities in the Melbourne suburbs of Footscray and Laverton are complying with workplace laws, random audits by the Fair Work Ombudsman have revealed.

Fair Work inspectors checked the books of 56 employers across the two suburbs, and with 49 audits finalised, have found that 38 of the businesses (78 per cent) are meeting their workplace obligations.

Contraventions were identified at 11 premises (22 per cent), five relating to the underpayment of wages and six in relation to payslips.

A total of \$54,200 has been recovered for 51 employees who were underpaid.

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson says inspectors have worked with each of the employers to voluntarily rectify their breaches and put processes in place to ensure they do not re-occur.

Seven businesses remain under investigation.

Mr Wilson says the high compliance rate is encouraging.

"We are serious about our job of building knowledge and creating fairer workplaces and we are strongly focused on ensuring the community understands its workplace rights and obligations," he said.

The Fair Work Ombudsman provides a single point of contact for people working or running a business in Australia to get accurate and timely information about their workplace rights and obligations.

Workers or employers seeking support should get in touch with the Fair Work Ombudsman via the website - [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) - or call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94.

The website has a number of tools and resources to assist business-owners to calculate the correct pay rate for their employees.

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