

## Fair Work Ombudsman focus on Peel region

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Employers in the Peel region are the latest focus of the Fair Work Ombudsman in Western Australia.

Fair Work inspectors have written to about 50 employers in Mandurah, Harvey, Secret Harbour, Pinjarra, Baldivis, Waroona and surrounding areas as part of a new education and compliance campaign.

Inspectors have provided the employers with educational information about workplace laws and asked them to supply time-and-wages records for audit.

Fair Work Ombudsman Executive Director Michael Campbell says employers from a range of industries have been randomly selected and key stakeholders including local employer organisations have been notified.

“Inspectors will check employers are paying staff their full entitlements and are complying with record-keeping and pay slip obligations,” Mr Campbell said.

“Where we find records are not adequate or identify other non-compliance issues, we will provide information and assistance to employers and request they voluntarily rectify any problems.

“In cases where they don’t, or where we suspect deliberate underpayments or other serious breaches have occurred, we may launch a full investigation.”

Mr Campbell says a major aim of the campaign is improving awareness of the Fair Work Ombudsman’s role among employers and workers in the Peel region.

“Inspectors will provide Peel region employers with tips about how to ensure they are compliant with workplace laws, including Modern Awards and the National Employment Standards,” he said.

“It is also important regional workers understand there is an Agency they can turn to if they have workplace concerns. Complaints can be made confidentially.”

The Fair Work Ombudsman has a range of user-friendly resources on its website to assist employers to comply with workplace laws and operate their workplace at best practice.

Resources for small business on [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) include industry specific web pages, payslip and record-keeping templates, a self-audit checklist, template letters and fact sheets on dozens of topics.

As well as Online resources, the Fair Work Ombudsman has more highly-skilled advisers available to speak with employers and workers with questions on its Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94 from 8am-6pm weekdays.

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