

## Fair Work Ombudsman granted leave to intervene in Federal Court proceedings

22 November 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman was today granted leave to intervene in the Australian Nursing Federation (ANF), Victorian Branch appeal against Orders made in Fair Work Australia on November 16.

Under the Fair Work Act 2009, the Fair Work Ombudsman is vested with responsibility for ensuring that parties who are subject to stop industrial action Orders from Fair Work Australia comply with the Orders.

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson says that in line with this statutory responsibility, it is appropriate that the Agency has the opportunity to make submissions at the hearing of the appeal.

Mr Wilson calls on the ANF Victorian Branch to comply with the stop industrial action Orders made in Fair Work Australia on Friday 18 November, 2011.

“The Fair Work Ombudsman is continuing to monitor this matter closely,” he said.

“The Fair Work Ombudsman is one of the entities that have the power to initiate legal action if Orders made in Fair Work Australia are not complied with.

“The integrity of the Fair Work system requires that industrial action orders made by Fair Work Australia are honoured so that the wider objects of the legislation can be given effect to, and so that the community’s interests are protected.

“The Fair Work Ombudsman’s policy is to monitor all unprotected industrial action, and to ensure that orders made by Fair Work Australia are complied with fully and expeditiously.

“I am concerned the ANF Victorian Branch appears not to be complying with the Orders made by Fair Work Australia and it is in no one’s interests the Orders of Fair Work Australia are not complied with. I call on all parties to honour the Orders made by Fair Work Australia.”

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