

Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)

DELEGATIONS OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

I, Anna Booth, the Fair Work Ombudsman appointed under section 687 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) (**FW Act**) revoke all previous delegations made by the Fair Work Ombudsman under the FW Act and, pursuant to section 683 of the FW Act, delegate the powers and functions specified in column A of the following table to the staff members of the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman holding, occupying, or performing from time to time the duties of a position identified in column B of the following table:

COLUMN A Power/Function	COLUMN B Delegate(s)	
VOLUNTARY SMALL BUSINESS WAGE COMPLIANCE CODE		
Determine if satisfied that a small business employer complied with the Voluntary Small Business Wage Compliance Code in relation to a failure by the employer to pay an amount to, on behalf of, or for the benefit of, an employee, in accordance with subsection 327B(2) of the FW Act	 Group Manager – Operations Group Manager – Regulatory Transformation Executive Director – Enforcement Branch A Executive Director – Enforcement Branch B Executive Director – Enforcement Branch C Executive Director – Employer Assistance and Compliance Executive Director – Criminal Investigations Members of staff engaged at Executive Level 1 or above in Enforcement Team 1, Enforcement Team 2, Enforcement Team 3, Enforcement Team 4, Enforcement Team 5, Enforcement Team 6, Enforcement Team 7, Enforcement Team 8, Industrial Compliance Investigations, or Criminal Investigations 	
Give the employer written notice of a decision made under subsection 327B(2) of the FW Act in accordance with subsection 327B(3) of the FW Act	 Group Manager – Operations Group Manager – Regulatory Transformation Executive Director – Enforcement Branch A Executive Director – Enforcement Branch B Executive Director – Enforcement Branch C Executive Director – Employer Assistance and Compliance Executive Director – Criminal Investigations Members of staff engaged at Executive Level 1 or above in Enforcement Team 1, Enforcement Team 2, Enforcement Team 3, Enforcement Team 4, Enforcement Team 5, Enforcement Team 6, Enforcement Team 7, Enforcement Team 8, Industrial Compliance Investigations, or Criminal Investigations 	
UNCLAIMED MONEY		

Determine that a person is entitled to an amount payable in accordance with subsection 559(3) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Chief Operating Officer
- Executive Director Corporate Services
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance

Executive Director - Enforcement Branch C

• Executive Director – Criminal Investigations

Pay an amount of unclaimed money to a person in accordance with subsection 559(3) of the FW Act and associated interest, if payable in accordance with subsection 559(3A) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Chief Operating Officer
- Executive Director Corporate Services
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations

REPRESENTATION

Determine in accordance with subsection 682(1)(f) of the FW Act that representation of an employee or outworker who is a party to proceedings in a court or a matter before the Fair Work Commission, under the FW Act or a fair work instrument, will promote compliance with the FW Act or the fair work instrument

- Group Manager Operations
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

APPOINTMENT OF FAIR WORK INSPECTORS

Appoint members of the staff of the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman as Fair Work Inspectors in accordance with subsection 700(1) of the FW Act and to remove or suspend the appointment of a Fair Work Inspector (in accordance with subsection 33(4) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 (Cth) as in force on 25 June 2009)

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Chief Operating Officer
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

Be satisfied that a person is of 'good character' for the purposes of appointing that person to be a Fair Work Inspector in accordance with subsection 700(2) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Chief Operating Officer
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

Issue an identity card in the prescribed form to a Fair Work Inspector in accordance with subsection 702(1) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Chief Operating Officer
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

ACCOMPANY FAIR WORK INSPECTORS

Determine that a person may accompany a Fair Work Inspector onto premises to assist the Fair Work Inspector in accordance with subsection 710(1) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Executive Level 2 Directors in Enforcement Branch A, Enforcement Branch B, Enforcement Branch C, and Employer Assistance and Compliance and the Criminal Investigations Team

FWO NOTICES

Form a belief on reasonable grounds and apply in writing to a nominated AAT presidential member for the issue of a FWO notice under subsection 712AA(1) of the FW Act, including:

- making an affidavit under subsection 712AA(5) of the FW Act to accompany a written application for a FWO notice;
- receiving a request for further information from a nominated AAT presidential member under subsection 712AA(6) of the FW Act in relation to an application for a FWO notice; and
- giving further information in writing to a nominated AAT presidential member under subsection 712AA(7) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations

Give a FWO notice under subsection 712AD(1) of the FW Act to the person in relation to whom it is issued

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations

Give notice to a person of a time later than the time specified in a FWO notice given to a person in accordance with subsection 712AD(3) or subsection 712AD(4) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations

Notify the Commonwealth Ombudsman of the issue of a FWO notice under subsection 712E(1) of the FW Act, and give a copy of the FWO notice, affidavit that accompanied the application for the FWO notice, and any other information in relation to the FWO notice that was given to the nominated AAT presidential member who issued the notice in accordance with section 712AB of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Chief Operating Officer
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

Notify the Commonwealth Ombudsman under subsection 712E(2) of the FW Act of any notice given to a person of a time later than the time specified in a FWO notice in accordance with subsection 712AD(3) or subsection 712AD(4) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Chief Operating Officer
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

Give the Commonwealth Ombudsman under subsection 712F(1) of the FW Act a report, video recording and transcript of an examination of a person, conducted under subsection 712AA(2)(c) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Chief Operating Officer
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKINGS

Accept a written undertaking in accordance with subsection 715(2) of the FW Act

- Group Manager Operations
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement

Provide consent to a person to withdraw or vary an undertaking in accordance with subsection 715(3) of the FW Act	 Branch 1 Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 2 Group Manager – Operations Group Manager – Regulatory Transformation Executive Director – Enforcement Branch A Executive Director – Enforcement Branch B Executive Director – Enforcement Branch C Executive Director – Employer Assistance and Compliance Executive Director – Criminal Investigations Chief Counsel Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 1 Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 2
Consider that a person who has given an undertaking has contravened any of its terms in accordance with subsection 715(6) of the FW Act	 Group Manager - Operations Group Manager - Regulatory Transformation Executive Director - Enforcement Branch A Executive Director - Enforcement Branch B Executive Director - Enforcement Branch C Executive Director - Employer Assistance and Compliance Executive Director - Criminal Investigations Chief Counsel Executive Director - Legal Enforcement Branch 1 Executive Director - Legal Enforcement Branch 2
COOPERATION A	AGREEMENTS
Enter into a written agreement (a cooperation agreement) with a person in accordance with subsection 717B(1) of the FW Act	 Group Manager – Regulatory Transformation Chief Counsel Executive Director – Criminal Investigations Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 1 Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 2
Determine if satisfied that any of the grounds in subsection 717D(1) of the FW Act exist to terminate a cooperation agreement, for the purposes of either: • subsection 717D(1) of the FW Act; or • subsection 717D(2) of the FW Act Terminate a cooperation agreement with a person in accordance with subsection 717D(1) of the FW Act	 Group Manager – Regulatory Transformation Chief Counsel Executive Director – Criminal Investigations Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 1 Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 2 Group Manager – Regulatory Transformation Chief Counsel Executive Director – Criminal Investigations Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 1 Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 2
Provide consent to a person to withdraw from a cooperation agreement in accordance with section 717E of the FW Act	 Group Manager – Regulatory Transformation Chief Counsel Executive Director – Criminal Investigations Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 1 Executive Director – Legal Enforcement

	Branch 2	
Provide consent in writing to vary a cooperation agreement in accordance with section 717F of the FW Act	 Group Manager – Regulatory Transformation Chief Counsel Executive Director – Criminal Investigations Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 1 Executive Director – Legal Enforcement Branch 2 	
DISCLOSING INFORMATION		
Other than information obtained under a FWO notice issued pursuant to section 712AB of the FW Act, form a reasonable belief that it is necessary or appropriate to disclose or authorise the disclosure of information in the course of performing functions or exercising powers under the FW Act, and disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information in accordance with subsection 718(2)(a) of the FW Act	Subject to the third and fourth directions below, members of staff engaged: at Executive Level 1 or above; and as an APS 6 in Information Governance	
Other than information obtained under a FWO notice issued pursuant to section 712AB of the FW Act, form a reasonable belief that the disclosure of information is likely to assist in the administration or enforcement of a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory, and disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information in accordance with subsection 718(2)(b) of the FW Act	Subject to the third and fourth directions below, members of staff engaged: at Executive Level 1 or above; and as an APS 6 in Information Governance	
Other than information obtained under a FWO notice issued pursuant to section 712AB of the FW Act, form a reasonable belief that disclosure of information is likely to assist the Minister to consider a complaint or issue in relation to a matter arising under the FW Act and disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information in accordance with subsection 718(3) of the FW Act	 Members of staff engaged at the Senior Executive Service level Executive Level 2, Director – Policy Executive Level 2, Director – Parliamentary and Projects Executive Level 2, Director – Media 	
Other than information obtained under a FWO notice issued pursuant to section 712AB of the FW Act, form a reasonable belief that disclosure of information is likely to assist the Minister to consider a complaint or issue in relation to a matter arising under the FW Act, and disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information to the Department for the purpose of briefing or considering briefing the Minister in accordance with subsection 718(4) of the FW Act	 Members of staff engaged at the Senior Executive Service level Executive Level 2, Director – Policy Executive Level 2, Director – Parliamentary and Projects Executive Level 2, Director – Media 	

Form a reasonable belief that it is necessary or appropriate to disclose or authorise the disclosure of information obtained under a FWO notice issued pursuant to section 712AB of the FW Act in the course of performing functions or exercising powers under the FW Act, and disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information in accordance with subsection 718(2)(a) of the FW Act

Subject to the fifth direction below:

- Group Manager Operations
- Chief Operating Officer
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

Form a reasonable belief that the disclosure of information obtained under a FWO notice issued pursuant to section 712AB of the FW Act is likely to assist in the administration or enforcement of a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory, and disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information in accordance with subsection 718(2)(b) of the FW Act

Subject to the fifth direction below:

- Group Manager Operations
- Chief Operating Officer
- Group Manager Regulatory Transformation
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

Form a reasonable belief that disclosure of information obtained under a FWO notice issued pursuant to section 712AB of the FW Act is likely to assist the Minister to consider a complaint or issue in relation to a matter under the FW Act and disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information:

- to the Minister in accordance with subsection 718(3) of the FW Act; or
- to the Department in accordance with subsection 718(4) of the FW Act for the purpose of briefing or considering briefing the Minister

- Members of staff engaged as a Group Manager
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch A
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch B
- Executive Director Enforcement Branch C
- Executive Director Policy
- Executive Director Employer Assistance and Compliance
- Executive Director Criminal Investigations
- Chief Counsel
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 1
- Executive Director Legal Enforcement Branch 2

Directions

In accordance with subsection 683(2) of the FW Act, in performing functions or exercising powers under a delegation, the delegate must comply with directions I make from time to time.

I direct that:

- 1. the Group Manager Operations is to keep and maintain a register of all Fair Work Inspectors appointed under subsection 700(1) of the FW Act;
- 2. the Group Manager Operations, Chief Operating Officer and members of the Senior Executive

Service in the Operations Group are to maintain arrangements that ensure identity cards issued under subsection 702(1) of the FW Act are returned on expiry of an appointment, when an appointment has been revoked or on termination of employment of a person appointed as a Fair Work Inspector;

- 3. a delegate performing functions or exercising powers under subsection 718(2) of the FW Act in relation to a document or record produced under subsection 709(d) or subsection 712(1) of the FW Act must consider the effect of the use/derivative use indemnity in subsection 713(2) of the FW Act in forming a reasonable belief that it is necessary or appropriate to disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information for a purpose in subsection 718(2) of the FW Act;
- 4. a delegate performing functions or exercising powers under subsection 718(2) of the FW Act in relation to a document or record which was inspected or copied under subsection 709(e) of the FW Act must consider the effect of the use/derivative use indemnity in section 713A of the FW Act in forming a reasonable belief that it is necessary or appropriate to disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information for a purpose in subsection 718(2) of the FW Act; and
- 5. a delegate performing functions or exercising powers under subsection 718(2) of the FW Act in relation to information given, a document or record produced or answers given pursuant to a FWO notice, in forming a reasonable belief that it is necessary or appropriate to disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, the information for a purpose in subsection 718(2) of the FW Act, must consider the effect of the protection from liability in section 712D and the use indemnity in subsection 713(3) of the FW Act.

This instrument takes effect on and from the date of signing.

Dated: 22 May 2025

Anna Booth

Fair Work Ombudsman