

### New State IR laws

I recently advised members about the proposed new state industrial laws and your Union's submissions to the parliamentary committee.

The Finance and Administration Committee has handed down its report and essentially recommended that the Bill be passed.

The Committee did recommend however that the legislation include transitional arrangements ensuring that all processes which have commenced be concluded under the previous arrangements.

The Union will examine the detail of the legislation to see how much of our enterprise bargaining process will be caught by the new laws. To date we haven't progressed beyond formally corresponding to commence bargaining. For some weeks now, the Union has been trying to organise a meeting with QFRS to discuss your claims.

The report details some of the concerns your Union and other Unions raised and although the parliamentary committee acknowledged those problems they did not recommend too many changes.

I will be watching the progress of this legislation closely and will advise as to when it becomes law.

I have attached links to the parliamentary website where you can find a copy of the committee report, the transcript of the hearing I attended and the transcript of the hearing where the relevant public service departments briefed the committee.

### [Report - No 14, Industrial Relations \(Fair Work Act Harmonisation\) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012](#)

1/06/2012 - The Finance & Administration Committee's findings from its investigations into the Industrial Relations (Fair Work Act Harmonisation) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012  
[Finance and Administration Committee - Industrial Relations and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2012 inquiry](#)

### [Public Hearing Transcript - 30 May 2012](#)

Transcript for the Public Hearing relating to the Industrial Relations (Fair Work Act Harmonisation) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012  
[Finance and Administration Committee - Industrial Relations and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2012 inquiry](#)

## Public Briefing Transcript - 30 May 2012

Transcript for the public briefing relating to the committee's review of the Industrial Relations (Fair Work Act Harmonisation) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

Finance and Administration Committee - Industrial Relations and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2012 inquiry

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