

INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF COMMONWEALTH WORKCHOICES LEGISLATION

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Australian Manufacturing Workers
Union Retired Members
Association

20TH May 2006.

To the Director
Standing Committee on
Social Issues, Parliament
House Macquarie Street Sydney

Dear Sir,

Because we as an elderly group
mainly depend on an aged or part aged pension,
and the pension is geared to 25% of the
Average Adult Male Weekly Earnings, any erosion
of wages to salary earners vitally affects
our standard of living.

Because of the severe pressure on wage earning
families today of house, car, household needs
repayments to banks and lending institutions
and their stringent tight family budgets
and fear of interest rate rises, we feel that
there should be no allowance to barter
away annual leave, public holidays, sick
pay and penalty rates.

These entitlements are a constant and
swapped for the so called quick return will
be doubly downgraded with future inflation, as
inflation has proven to be inevitable
under to-days values.

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Retired.

One will have to approach the employers
to ask for future wage rises or conditions.
How can one bargain against highly skilled
legal trained personnel without our
own skilled back up in a collective way
especially more so for younger workers.

This country of ours already has a he
outsourced network where mainly women
are exploited by ruthless small busin
which the trade unions has been powerless
to combat because these workers are lone.
How much worse is the situation to be
the future.

Only females in the professions have
chance of equal pay and conditions and
there is a force to try and bargain for
a great many so-called small bu
people do not consider themselves to be in
unfortunate as that may be, but as the
little contracts die out we as the elder
will be much more pressed.

Safe working conditions and this uni
of so-called guest workers will have eq
devastating effects with so-called deve
We will never again be able to bring
of "Hardies" to justice.

Yours Sincerely for the Above G
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