



TIMBER TRADE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

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Committee Secretary
Senate Education and Employment Committees
PO Box 6100
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in relation to the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 (Bill) on behalf of the Timber Trade Industrial Association (TTIA).

In principle, the TTIA supports the proposed changes in the above Bill to the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*. We acknowledge the need to have an independent Registered Organisations Commission to monitor and regulate registered organisations and ensure regulatory compliance.

We note the Bill provides that the Registered Organisations Commissioner will be required to provide education, assistance and advice to organisations and their members to assist with compliance. There is also a requirement that the Registered Organisations Commissioner provide details about the types of education activities undertaken and who the education activities were provided to in the annual report each year.

Given the expected impact the increased reporting requirements will have on a small association such as the TTIA, with only 6 employees, I would welcome further commitment and detail about what the educative support will specifically consist of either within the legislation or the regulations, especially during the first couple of years under the new proposed reporting regime.

Yours faithfully

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