

Senate Education and Employment Committees  
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To whom it may concern,

Please accept my submission. I do not require this submission to be made confidential.

My name is Allan and I joined from the security industry in December 2015

I worked for [redacted] at Settlement City shopping Centre at Port Macquarie in NSW.

The award rates I was being paid were under the old work agreement which I never agreed to nor did I ever sign to bind me to the arrangement.

At the advice of my union I was told to wait until [redacted] lost the contract or I left their employ before making a claim for all the back pay that was owed to me. So I waited and [redacted] lost the contract. I contacted the union and after a few months they got back to me and advised that there was nothing they could do because [redacted] were trading under a different name in Port Macquarie and they closed that company down after they knew they were losing the contract.

Great advice, I lost about \$70,000 after contacting Fair Work I eventually received \$6,000 so I guess that makes it all OK, NOT.

[redacted] are still trading and going but I have no claim on them even though my uniform had the logo on it.

How can the problems can be addressed simple.

I believe that the powers that be should not allow companies to willy nilly start up using another name from the parent company and then simply close up that business to avoid their obligations to former employees.

How hard is it to change the law to protect workers obviously too hard.

Sincerely,  
Allan Mearns  
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