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Dear Ms Marchetti

Re Senate Inquiry into Fair Work Bill

We understand that Jobwatch will be submitting to the Senate Inquiry into the Fair Work Bill.

Youthlaw is a specialist state wide community legal service for young people up to the age of 25 years. A significant proportion of inquiries to us and our legal casework is of a civil law nature and includes employment matters.

Our legal practice experience is that young people are highly vulnerable in the workplace to exploitation and unfair treatment. They also have specific issues of concern including junior wages, harassment, apprenticeships and traineeships. They are often not unionised and have difficulty accessing low cost or free legal representation in this area.

We support all community legal centres being exempted from the requirement to seek leave to appear in matters heard by Fair Work Australia and we would appreciate you raising this on our behalf.

Yours sincerely

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