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Ms Natalie James
Fair Work Ombudsman
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Dear Ms James

Thank you for your letter dated 7 February 2014. For your information, I am in the process of establishing a separate FWBC Audit Committee in line with the new Public Governance, Performance and Accountability rule and ANAO Better Practice Guide.

As per the new rule, the FWBC Audit Committee will consist of three people; two external members and one internal member.

I intend on appointing Mr Jon Isaacs as the external chair. He has been the Chair of audit committees for over 15 years in the private and public sectors and currently chairs five NSW Government Audit Committees. Jon was also the Chair of the Audit Committee for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, NSW, for the three and a half years I was its Executive Director.

I am also considering appointing a second, similarly experience, independent member of the Committee. Expressions of interest have been called for the third and only internal member of the Committee. A decision is also imminent.

Instruments of appointment are currently being drafted. The first meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 3 April 2014.

I am more than happy to discuss any of the above with you in further detail.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Hadgkiss
Director
Fair Work Building and Construction