

Submission

to

Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
Legislation Committee

Inquiry into the Workplace Relations Amendment (Award Simplification) Bill 2002, Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2003, Workplace Relations Amendment (Choice in Award Coverage) Bill 2004 and Workplace Relations Amendment (Simplifying Agreement-making) Bill 2004

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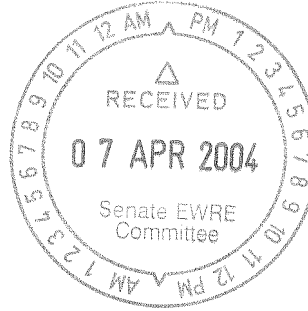
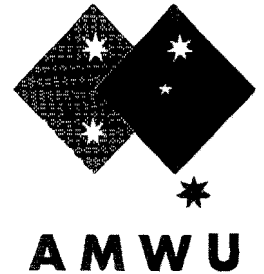
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Mr John Carter
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Dear Mr Carter,

RE: INQUIRY INTO VARIOUS WORKPLACE RELATIONS BILLS

I refer to the inquiry into the Workplace Relations Amendment (Award Simplification) Bill 2002, the Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2003, the Workplace Relations Amendment (Choice in Award Coverage) Bill 2004 and the Workplace Relations Amendment (Simplifying Agreement Making) Bill 2004 by the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee (the Committee).

The Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU) strongly opposes the passing of the abovementioned bills on the basis that the bills, if passed, would reduce the wages and conditions of working Australians. Moreover the bills would place further constraints on the legitimate rights of working people to protect and improve their wages and conditions through collective bargaining and action.

The AMWU supports and adopts the submissions made by the Australian Council of Trade Unions to this Committee in relation to the bills. In addition the AMWU would value the opportunity to make further written or oral submissions in relation to those aspects of the proposed legislation which would appear to have a particular impact upon the AMWU and/or its members.

The AMWU strongly urges the Committee to recommend that the bills not be passed by the Senate.

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Yours faithfully,



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