

Submission

to

Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
Legislation Committee

Inquiry into the Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Bill 2005

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Re: Inquiry into the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005

Dear Mr. Carter,

The Justice and International Mission Unit would like to formally support the Uniting Church in Australia's submission to the *WorkChoices Bill Inquiry*. We have contributed sections to this national submission.

The Bill outlines some extremely significant changes for the Australian Workplace. We are grateful for this opportunity but note that we have not had sufficient time to properly analyse the 687-page Bill and the 565-page Explanatory Memorandum (in addition to reading relevant parts of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 that the Bill amends). We have therefore focussed on the principles that should inform the new framework.

We pray that those involved in the Inquiry take their responsibility seriously and determine recommendations that best facilitate the common good of Australian workers, taking particular account of those who are most vulnerable.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Mark Zirnsak
Director
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