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Senator Brett Mason
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Senator Mason,

The AMWU opposes numbers of the provisions in the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) Bill 2002.

We are disappointed that the Federal government has once again presented this Bill to Parliament. Particularly as Australia has recently ratified ILO Convention No.155 *Occupational Safety and Health and the Working Environment*.

Sections of the Bill are almost certainly in breach of the terms of ILO Convention 87 re Freedom of Association and/or Convention 98 Collective Bargaining to which Australia became a party in 1973.

If this legislation is carried into law the AMWU will be supporting the ACTU in seeking an urgent ruling on this matter through the ILO Committee of Experts.

The AMWU is supporting the ACTU submission. We would also like to appear before the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee to present our views. Please contact our National H&S Officer, Deborah Vallance 03 9230 5888 or 0408 607 963.

Yours sincerely,

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