



LABOUR LAW SEMINAR

All Stitched Up? The 2007 Amendments to the Safety Net

The streamlining of the rules relating to workplace agreements was one of the main features of the 'Work Choices' reforms which transformed the Australian workplace relations system in 2006. In response to mounting community concern about the use of workplace agreements to erode employee conditions, in May 2007 the Howard Government announced that all workplace agreements would henceforth be assessed against a new 'Fairness Test'. The legislation amending the Workplace Relations Act 1996 to introduce the Fairness Test includes substantial changes to the legal framework for agreement-making. In this seminar, Carolyn Sutherland will outline the elements of the Fairness Test and will consider the extent to which the redesigned 'safety net' offers protection to employees who enter into Federal workplace agreements.

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