



LABOUR LAW SEMINAR

Opting Out of State Occupational Health and Safety Laws: The Implications of Recent High Court Decisions

In the wake of the High Court decisions in *New South Wales v Commonwealth (The Work Choices Challenge)* and *Attorney-General (Vic) v Andrews*, State-based occupational health and safety systems seem particularly vulnerable to a federal takeover. Some large firms that are self-insurers appear to be contemplating exiting state schemes. This Seminar will examine the potential for firms to transfer to the federal OHS scheme and consider the advantages and disadvantages of such a move for businesses, workers and their representatives.

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A light lunch will be served