

SPONSORS' SEMINAR

The Industrial Relations Commission after Work Choices

The *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005* (Cth) has wrought major changes to the jurisdiction, powers and procedures of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC). Among other things, it now has responsibilities in relation to approving strike ballot orders, and it will be required to rationalise awards when asked to do so by the Minister. The AIRC's powers in relation to unfair dismissals have been significantly altered by changes to the scope of the jurisdiction, and it must now grapple with the concept of 'operational requirements' as a bar to access to the jurisdiction. Moreover the AIRC's traditional role in conciliation of disputes has been radically changed: the AIRC is now but one of many providers of dispute resolution services.

We are delighted to announce that our guest speaker will be:

Commissioner Greg Smith

Commissioner Smith was appointed to the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission in May 1987 and to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission in March 1989. Before his appointments, Commissioner Smith worked in industrial relations and human resource management for the Confederation of Australian Industry, and for the Meat and Allied Trades Federation of Australia.

DATE: Thursday 5 October 2006

TIME: 6:00 pm

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