



Victorian Vegetable Grower



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Horticulture Industry – Shared Compliance Program

The Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman will soon commence a nation-wide targeted education and compliance program for the Horticulture Industry, the 'Shared Compliance Program'.



- ❖ The program promotes compliance with new Commonwealth workplace laws, which came into effect on 1 January 2010.
- ❖ From February 2010, the FWO will provide a comprehensive and coordinated education strategy incorporating an industry wide mail out of information to employers, regional seminars and access to a self audit tool and other useful information.
- ❖ From April to May 2010, Fair Work Inspectors will audit a random sample of employers in the horticulture industry to ensure they are meeting their obligations.

The Fair Work Ombudsman is an independent body created by the Fair Work Act 2009.

The Fair Work Ombudsman monitors, investigates, and enforces compliance with Commonwealth workplace laws.

From 1 January 2010 there are several important changes to workplace laws that affect all employers and employees in the national workplace relations system.

The changes include:

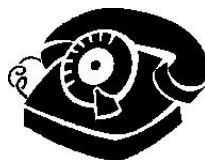
- Unfair Dismissal
- Minimum Employment Standards
- 'Fair Work' Information Statements
- Enterprise Bargaining
- Transition to Modern Awards

Employers and employees need to be prepared for these changes.



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