



FairWear Campaign

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The Committee Secretary
Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

Re: Inquiry into the Fair Work Bill 2008

I write in my capacity as Director of the Working Women's Centre SA Inc which auspices the Fairwear Campaign in South Australia.

This submission supports the National Fairwear Submission. I write with particular concern about provisions for outworkers in South Australia under the proposed Fair Work Bill.

Currently the Fair Work Act 1994 (South Australia) and the South Australian Clothing Outworker Code of Practice provide superior protection to clothing outworkers including those who may call themselves independent contractors and those who may be performing work not covered by the TCFUA Award provisions than what is proposed under the Fair Work Bill.

It is most important that the proposed Fair Work Bill does not undermine hard won protection for outworkers or lessen the capacity of government inspectors and Union representatives to monitor activities in the Textile, Clothing and Footwear industries and other industries where outworkers are being exploited in similar ways.

I write to urge the Senate Committee to turn its mind to recommending a strengthening of provisions in the Fair Work Bill to at least meet the current protections provided under South Australian laws for outworkers.

Fairwear SA also supports the submission of the TCFUA which outlines the particular potential problems with proposed provisions in the Fair Work Bill.

Yours sincerely

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