

**The Employment Law Centre of Western Australia**  
**Working for WA Workers**

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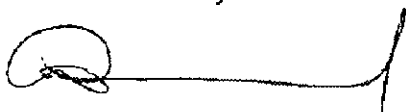
Dear Ms Marchetti

**CLC exemption from requirement to seek leave to appear**

The Employment Law Centre of Western Australia (**ELCWA**) is a not for profit community legal centre which specialises in employment law. Each year ELCWA provides advice and assistance to approximately 4000 non-union employees in Western Australia. It is the only free legal service in Western Australia offering employment law advice, advocacy, assistance and representation.

Due to ELCWA's limited capacity to meet the enormous demand for its services, the decision to represent clients is only taken in the case of the most vulnerable individuals. In the interests of ensuring that our clients and all non-union employees do not suffer potential disadvantage, we strongly support JobWatch's recommendation that all community legal centres be exempted from the requirement to seek leave to appear in matters heard by Fair Work Australia.

Yours faithfully



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