



*Australia's National Workplace  
Relations Tribunal*

29 May 2015

Vice President Lawler  
Fair Work Commission

By email:

The Honourable  
Justice Iain Ross AO  
President

Dear Vice President,

**Absence due to illness**

I write regarding your continuing absence from work due to illness and to request information about your prognosis.

I have been provided with a copy of a medical certificate from Dr Irwin Pakula, advising that you will be unfit to attend work due to a medical disorder from 20 May 2015 until 22 July 2015. I note that this absence follows previous absences due to illness during 2015 from 5 January to 9 January and 13 April to 19 May (32 days), and during 2014 from 22 May to 5 September and 8 September to 30 November (137 days).

You will appreciate that I am concerned both about your well being and the need to adjust other Members' workloads if you may need further absences from the Commission due to your condition.

Accordingly, I ask you to provide me with a report from Dr Pakula regarding your prognosis, including when you might be expected to return to work on an on-going basis and whether you may require any transitional workload management arrangements when you return to work.

To enable me to manage workloads in the second half of the year, I ask you to provide Dr Pakula's report to me by 15 July 2015.

Yours sincerely

**JUSTICE IAIN ROSS AO**  
President