



President's statement

Exposure draft of the Fair Work Commission Rules 2024 – opportunity to comment

Justice Hatcher, President

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[1] The Fair Work Commission has today published an exposure draft of the *Fair Work Commission Rules 2024* (new Rules) on our website.

[2] When finalised, the new Rules will replace the present procedural rules of the Commission, the *Fair Work Commission Rules 2013*, which are due to sunset on 1 April 2024.

Background

[3] Section 609 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) (the Act) authorises the President of the Commission, by legislative instrument, to make procedural rules in relation to:

- the practice and procedure to be followed by the Commission, or
- the conduct of business in relation to matters allowed or required to be dealt with by the Commission.

[4] The procedural rules assist the Commission to perform its functions and exercise its powers under the Act and other legislation, in accordance with section 577 of the Act, in a manner that:

- is fair and just
- is quick, informal and avoids unnecessary technicalities
- is open and transparent, and
- promotes harmonious and cooperative workplace relations.

[5] The new Rules will largely remake the present procedural rules, but with changes to update them and improve their usability. A number of new rules will be introduced to accommodate recent legislative changes.

[6] The proposed changes to the procedural rules are outlined in the explanatory note published with the exposure draft of the new Rules.

Comment on the draft new Rules

[7] Interested persons are invited to comment upon the exposure draft of the new Rules.

[8] This may be done by email to consultation@fwc.gov.au by **4:00 pm (AEDT) on Friday, 23 February 2024**.

PRESIDENT