



# General Manager statement

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## Appointment of new C&G Division Administrator

Melbourne, 22 May 2026

This statement announces the appointment of Mr Michael Crosby AM as the new Administrator of the CFMEU Construction and General Division (C&G Division). Mr Crosby commences in this role today, 22 May 2026, replacing Mr Mark Irving KC following his resignation. This statement should be read with my [statement](#) issued on 29 April 2026.

This appointment follows a rigorous selection process which is detailed in my Report on the Appointment of the Administrator of the CFMEU C&G Division.

I have made the appointment under section 323C of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and clause 2 of the Scheme of Administration, which forms Annexure A to the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) (CFMEU Construction and General Division Administration) Determination 2024*.

I am satisfied that Mr Crosby will continue the important work towards returning the C&G Division to lawful operation. I am confident that he will instil good governance and voluntary compliance with the law, while ensuring the C&G Division effectively advocates for and supports and assists its members.

Mr Crosby has held senior leadership roles within unions across a career spanning 50 years, and is recognised for his work to strengthen union capability, reinforce good governance, and support a values-driven culture. He has contributed to international discussions about the future of work and the role of unions in a changing economy, including as the author of *Power at Work: Rebuilding the Australian Union Movement*, a widely referenced textbook on union renewal, organising capacity, and institutional reform. He also possesses a leadership approach grounded in a practical focus on what members need from their union day-to-day:

- effective representation
- reliable support, and
- a strong, credible registered organisation that can deliver outcomes in workplaces and in the broader public interest.

Mr Crosby has shown integrity and demonstrated the skills, experience, courage and commitment to serve the CFMEU in this appointment at this critical time. He has also demonstrated the qualities required to lead, reform and reinvigorate the C&G Division through this period of change and industry transformation. More detail on Mr Crosby's skills and experience is available in the attached biography.



Mr Crosby has a clear vision as to what success for the administration and the C&G Division will look like at the end of 3 years of his leadership. He understands the C&G Division's position in the ecosystem of the wider construction industry and the need for industry-wide engagement and reform to ensure a lasting change.

As I have indicated consistently throughout the Administration, all major participants in the building and construction industry must actively contribute to eradicate inappropriate and illegal conduct. The community cannot expect a lawful CFMEU to rise from the Administration if the factors in the industry which incentivise and commercialise improper or illegal behaviours are not addressed and if other industry participants, including employers, continue to benefit from unlawful behaviour.

The instrument of appointment takes effect on and from 22 May 2026. I look forward to working closely with Mr Crosby and wish him the best in this important role.

Murray Furlong  
General Manager  
**Fair Work Commission**

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#### Related documents

- [Report on the Appointment of the Administrator of the CFMEU C&G Division](#)
- [Mr Crosby's biography](#)
- [Instrument of appointment](#)
- [Instrument of remuneration](#)