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Newcastle to be Well Represented Under Fair Work Australia

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Workplace Relations, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP, today announced that Newcastle-based the Hon. Rodney Harrison has been appointed as a Deputy President under the new Fair Work Australia (FWA) industrial relations system, to operate from an FWA office to be established in Newcastle.

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, was pleased to see that the local area will be so ably represented under the new, nation-wide system.

"To have an individual with the proven track record and good standing of Deputy President Harrison continue to serve the people of Newcastle under FWA is great news for us all," Ms Grierson said.

"It is also promising to see that our area will retain the facilities of its own industrial relations arbiter, something that I have advocated for strongly."

Newcastle will be further represented by John Stanton, who has been named as a dual appointment Commissioner.

The announcements came as part of the wider appointment of FWA Commissioners, Deputy Presidents and dual appointment Commissioners across the country.

Under the Federal Government's new workplace relations system, these individuals will play key roles as independent industrial relations umpires.

The office in Newcastle will increase accessibility to FWA for outer-metro Australia.

"I congratulate Rod Harrison and John Stanton on their appointments, and look forward to their continued good work for the people of Newcastle under the FWA system," Ms Grierson said.

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