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**FAIR WORK AUSTRALIA OFFICE FOR NEWCASTLE**

Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson announced today that Fair Work Australia, Labor's new independent industrial umpire, will have an office in Newcastle to service the Hunter region.

Fair Work Australia will be a new, genuinely independent umpire to oversee Federal Labor's new fair and balanced industrial relations system.

Federal Labor believes Australian employers and employees deserve access to a one-stop-shop on industrial relations matters, rather than the alphabet soup of workplace agencies that currently exist under the Howard Government.

Federal Labor has today announced that local employers and employees in Newcastle and the Hunter will be able to rely on Fair Work Australia for:

- Information and assistance;
- Advice on bargaining and agreement making;
- Compliance & enforcement;
- Assistance to small business; and
- Help with resolving grievances and disputes.

Staff at the Newcastle office of Fair Work Australia will be able to travel to businesses anywhere in the Hunter at their request.

Businesses and employees won't have to go to a Fair Work Australia office to get help; officers from the Newcastle office of Fair Work Australia will come to them.

Federal Labor will get rid of the Howard Government's unfair Work Choices laws and replace them with a simple, fair and flexible industrial relations system for all Australians.

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