



Australian Road Transport
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ARTIO TO RUN BRIEFINGS ON NEW FAIR WORK LAWS

The Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation (ARTIO) is pleased to announce that it has secured funding from the Commonwealth Government to run a series of briefings to road transport operators throughout Australia in relation to the Fair Work Education and Information Program.

ARTIO National Industrial Relations Advisor, Mr. Paul Ryan declared "We are very pleased to have secured the funding to run these important briefings. ARTIO has been formally advised that its proposal, with slight modifications, has been accepted by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations."

Invitations to lodge submissions were made to peak bodies, such as ARTIO, representing key parts of the economy, including transport, on the basis of known capability to provide informed, timely advice which is tailored to the needs of the industry in question.

Mr. Ryan said, "ARTIO will work with its Branches, as well as other organisations who have members in the road transport industry, to ensure as many operators as possible are made aware of these briefings and have the opportunity to attend."

"The new Fair Work laws are important industrial relations reforms. The briefings will be run in all states and the Northern Territory during the second half of 2009. They will be free to attend for any member of the Transport and Logistics Industry"

"A total of 62 briefings will be conducted by ARTIO using qualified industrial relations professionals each of whom has a sound understanding of the new legislation and how it relates to the road transport industry." said Mr. Ryan.

"I strongly urge all road transport operators to attend one of these sessions because it will provide them with the opportunity to be fully briefed on their legal obligations." Mr. Ryan concluded.

The timing and location of these briefings are being finalised and it is expected that ARTIO will be in a position to provide further details in the near future.

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