



3 December 2007

Dear Member,

RE: NEXT MEETING OF THE SYDNEY FORUM – 12 DECEMBER 2007

The Sydney Forum of ALLA is alive and well and looking forward to an exciting 2008.

While we have not had as many meetings this year as we had in 2006, nevertheless we have been able to attract quality speakers and provided the Sydney members with opportunities to network and discuss a wide range of employment and industrial relations issues. This year we had the benefit of Robert McClelland MHR and Justice Monica Schmidt as speakers, who respectively provided interesting insights on the ALP IR Policy for the election (then at a relatively early stage) and the Child Employment Case.

For our last meeting of the year, to be held on 12 December, we have secured Vice President Lawler of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission to address us on the role, functions and experiences of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission on the (soon to be extinct) "WorkChoices" regime. Hopefully his Honour will have some observations on what might lie ahead for the Commission in what will no doubt be an expanded role under the Labor Government's new industrial relations system.

I now confirm the details of the meeting as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 12 December 2007
Time of Commencement: 5.15pm
Venue: Offices of Carroll & O'Dea,
Level 18, St James Centre,
111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW

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Agenda:

- (a) Report on major developments in Labour Law since our last meeting – a suitably qualified volunteer will be procured.
- (b) Address by Vice President Lawler of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission on the role, functions and experience of the Commission under the WorkChoices regime.
- (c) General business and the fixing of arrangements for the first meeting of the Forum of 2008.

The meeting will be followed by the customary opportunity for Members to engage in informal discussion and networking.

If you are able to attend, please email Peter Punch's secretary, Monique Dileo at Carroll & O'Dea on mdileo@codea.com.au or call on 8226-7306.

I look forward to your company at the December meeting of the Forum.

Yours sincerely,

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