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NEW EMPLOYER OBLIGATIONS FROM 1 JULY

Statement by Innes Willox
Chief Executive Australian Industry Group

“The Australian Industry Group today reminded employers of two key changes that take effect from tomorrow, 1 July. The first is the Fair Work Commission’s Annual Wage Review increase and the second is an increase in the Superannuation Guarantee. As well, the carbon tax rises tomorrow to \$25.40 per tonne unless the current legislation is repealed,” Australian Industry Group Chief Executive Innes Willox said today.

“Operative from 1 July 2014, award wage rates for full-time adult employees will be increased by 3 per cent and the National Minimum Wage will be increased to \$640.90 per week or \$16.87 per hour.

“On the same date, the Superannuation Guarantee will increase by 0.25 per cent from 9.25 per cent to 9.5 per cent.

“These added costs come at a difficult time for businesses in industry sectors such as manufacturing and retail which are exposed to import competition and experiencing very tough business conditions.

“The first day of the new financial year is also a significant date for climate change policy. Under legislation currently in force, 1 July marks the date that the carbon tax is set to rise to \$25.40 a tonne.

“However, under the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 [No.2], which the Government has reintroduced following its rejection by the Senate in November last year, 1 July 2014 is also the date from which the Carbon Tax will be abolished. The hoped for passage of this legislation will be important in removing further cost burdens off business. The quicker the tax is repealed the better,” Mr Willox said.

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