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South Australian resource industry employers to discuss IR challenges

Resource industry employers are meeting in Adelaide today to discuss the Federal Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme and a number of recent Fair Work Australia and Federal Court decisions.

Resource industry employer group, AMMA, is facilitating the industry discussions for its South Australian members.

AMMA's Chief Operating Officer, Christopher Platt, said a recent survey of resource industry employers, conducted by RMIT University, had found a significant decrease in employers' confidence in the Fair Work Act over the last six months of 2010.

"It is vitally important employers try to stay abreast of emerging issues and challenges arising within the industry as well as across the broader industrial relations landscape," Mr Platt said.

Mr Platt also said some of the areas of concern currently facing employers include:

- a number of significant legal cases including a recent decision to allow a minority of employees to call a strike at a business where the majority of employees were opposed to taking industrial action;
- the growing levels of concern about union right of entry experienced across the industry over the past six months;
- recently announced changes to the skilled migration system; and
- compliance issues emerging from the move to a national OHS system.

Adelaide University's, Professor Andrew Stewart, will also address attendees on the increasing prevalence of social networking and the implications this has for the workplace.

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