



## High Court to hear appeal on casual entitlements

MAJOR employer groups have cheered the High Court's decision to allow special leave to appeal a landmark ruling on leave entitlements for long-term casual workers.

The Federal Court in May found casual workers employed on a regular, permanent basis are entitled to annual, sick and other leave entitlements.

Labour hire company WorkPac was on Thursday granted special leave to appeal the ruling, which

found in favour of former employee Robert Rossato.

The decision found Mr Rossato was entitled to his 25 per cent casual loading along with leave entitlements because of his regular pattern of work, backing up an earlier ruling.

An Australian Mines and Metals Association spokesman said the case would be one of the most important employment law decisions the High Court has considered. The appeal is due to be heard next year.