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# **Child Employment Bill 2005**

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<sup>1</sup> Part 7 (Amendment of Industrial Relations Act 1999)

	Note-	_	1		
		ne Acts Interpretation Act 1954, section 36 defines child, in this ntext, to mean an individual who is under 18.	2 3		
Ме	eaning of <i>parent</i> of a child				
(1)	A po	arent, of a child, is any of the following persons—	5		
	(a)	the child's mother;	6		
	(b)	the child's father;	7		
	(c)	a person who exercises parental responsibility for the child.	8 9		
(2)		vever, a person standing in the place of a parent of a child temporary basis is not a parent of the child.	10 11		
(3)		arent of an Aboriginal child includes a person who, under original tradition, is regarded as a parent of the child.	12 13		
(4)	-	arent of a Torres Strait Islander child includes a person , under Island custom, is regarded as a parent of the child.	14 15		
(5)	Des	pite subsections (1), (3) and (4), if—	16		
	(a)	a person is granted guardianship of a child under the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> ; or	17 18		
	(b)	if paragraph (a) does not apply, a person who otherwise exercises parental responsibility for a child under a decision or order of a federal court or a court of a State;	19 20 21		
		a reference in this Act to a parent of a child is a reference to a person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).	22 23		
Ме	anin	g of <i>school-aged child</i>	24		
	A sc	chool-aged child is a child who—	25		
	(a)	is under 16 years of age; and	26		
	(b)	is required to be enrolled for an educational program with a State educational institution or a non-State school under the <i>Education (General Provisions) Act</i> 1989.	27 28 29		

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		Note-	_	1
		the	child may not be required to be enrolled for an educational program if e child is the subject of a dispensation granted under the <i>Education General Provisions</i> ) Act 1989, section 115. <sup>2</sup>	2 3 4
8	Ме	aning	g of <i>work</i> in relation to a child	5
	(1)	Wor	<b>k</b> , in relation to a child, means—	6
		(a)	work under a contract of service; or	7
		(b)	work under a contract, whether or not the contract is a contract of service, or at piecework rates, to perform work, for labour only or substantially for labour only; or	8 9 10
		(c)	work under a contract to perform work, whether or not the contract is a contract of service, unless the child—	11 12
			(i) is paid to achieve a stated result or outcome; and	13
			(ii) has to supply all, or substantially all, of the plant and equipment, or tools of trade, needed to perform the work; and	14 15 16
			(iii) is, or would be, liable for the cost of fixing a fault with the work performed; or	17 18
		(d)	work under a contract, whether or not the contract is a contract of service, to perform work, unless a personal services business determination is in effect for the child under the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i> (Cwlth), section 87-60; <sup>3</sup> or	19 20 21 22 23
		(e)	work that includes the supervision of other workers, whether or not the child is known as a supervisor, leading hand or other title; or	24 25 26
		(f)	participating or assisting in any business carried on for profit, whether or not the child receives payment or other reward for the child's participation or assistance; or	27 28 29 30

<sup>2</sup> Education (General Provisions) Act 1989, section 115 (Dispensation from compliance with compulsory enrolment and attendance provisions)

<sup>3</sup> *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cwlth), section 87-60 (Personal services business determinations for individuals)

		(g) unpaid or voluntary work.	1
	(2)	Work does not include the following—	2
		(a) domestic chores;	3
		(b) collections work;	4
		(c) work that is part of—	5
		(i) work experience; or	6
		(ii) an apprenticeship; or	7
		(iii) a traineeship; or	8
		(iv) a vocational placement.	9
Part	2	Restrictions to safeguard	10
		working children	11
9	Res	strictions on work performed by children	12
	(1)	An employer must not require or permit a child to do work prescribed under a regulation, unless—	13 14
		(a) the child is at least the age prescribed under the regulation to do the work; or	15 16
		(b) it is work the child is permitted to do under the regulation.	17 18
		Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.	19
	(2)	An employer must not require or permit a child to work in a way a regulation states the child may not work.	20 21
		Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.	22
	(3)	An employer must not require or permit a child to work when a regulation states the child may not work.	23 24
		Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.	25
	(4)	An employer must not require or permit a child to work unless appropriately supervised by an adult.	26 27
		Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.	28

	Example—	1
	If a child's work involves the exchange of money or delivery work, appropriate supervision would include having an adult in the near vicinity of, and in regular contact with, the child.	2 3 4
(5)	An employer does not commit an offence against subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4) if the child is permitted or authorised under an Act or a special circumstances certificate to do the work, or to work in the way, or when, a regulation states the child may not work.	5 6 7 8 9
(6)	Also, an employer does not commit an offence against subsection (4) if, for particular work prescribed under a regulation, the employer supervises the child in the way prescribed under the regulation for the work.	10 11 12 13
	Note—	14
	See the <i>Education (General Provisions) Act 1989</i> , section 119 <sup>4</sup> for other provisions restricting a school-aged child's ability to work.	15 16
	provisions restricting a sensor aged clinta's definity to work.	10
	thority needed before school-aged or young children work	17 18
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car	An employer must not require or permit a school-aged or young child to perform work unless the employer has—  (a) a parent's consent form for the school-aged or young child; or  (b) if the child is a school-aged child and does not have a parent's consent form—a special circumstances certificate authorising the school-aged child to perform work when the school-aged child is not required to	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
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<sup>4</sup> Education (General Provisions) Act 1989, section 119 (Employment of children of compulsory school age)

	(3)	In th	nis section—	1
		mea	ent's consent form, for a school-aged or young child, and approved form, signed by a parent of the pol-aged or young child, that includes—	2 3 4
		(a)	the school-aged or young child's date of birth; and	5
		(b)	the name of the school-aged or young child's employer or proposed employer; and	6 7
		(c)	a statement that the parent consents to the school-aged or young child performing work for the employer; and	8 9
		(d)	for a school-aged child—information about when the school-aged child is required to attend school.	10 11
11	Scl	hool-	aged children must not work during school hours	12
	(1)	perfe	employer must not require or permit a school-aged child to orm work when the school-aged child is required to attend ool—	13 14 15
		(a)	as stated in the parent's consent form; or	16
		(b)	if the school-aged child does not have a parent's consent form and is authorised to work under a special circumstances certificate when the school-aged child is not required to attend school—as stated in the special circumstances certificate.	17 18 19 20 21
		Max	cimum penalty—100 penalty units.	22
	(2)	with when pare	arent of a school-aged child who is performing work must, in 14 days after becoming aware of a change in the hours in the school-aged child is required to attend school, if the ent consents to the school-aged child continuing in the loyment—	23 24 25 26 27
		(a)	complete a parent's consent form; and	28
		(b)	give the parent's consent form to the school-aged child's employer.	29 30
		Note-	_	31
		Ac 119	failure to comply with subsection (2) is not an offence against this et. However, the <i>Education (General Provisions) Act 1989</i> , section 9 creates offences for parents, as defined under that Act, who permit a nool-aged child to be employed when the child is required to attend	32 33 34 35

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				who give false information to an employer about when the equired to attend school.	$\frac{1}{2}$
	(3)			ns (1) and (2) do not apply if the employer is a the school-aged child.	3 4
	(4)	child emp	d who loyme	gh for subsection (2) if 1 parent of the school-aged consents to the school-aged child continuing in the ent completes a parent's consent form and gives it to l-aged child's employer.	5 6 7 8
12	Ch wo	_	ecuti	ive may authorise a child to do particular	9 10
	(1)	chie	f exec	or an adult on the child's behalf, may apply to the cutive, in writing, for a certificate under this section ircumstances certificate) for the child.	11 12 13
	(2)	The	applic	eation must—	14
		(a)	prop	e, in enough detail to allow the chief executive to berly consider the application, what is sought to be orised by the special circumstances certificate; and	15 16 17
		(b)		e child is a school-aged child, state when the child is ired to attend school; and	18 19
		(c)	be si	upported by—	20
			(i)	a parent of the child, unless the child does not have a parent or lives independently from his or her parents; and	21 22 23
			(ii)	if the application is made by an adult—the child; and	24 25
			(iii)	if the person making the application is not the child's employer—the child's employer or proposed employer; and	26 27 28
			(iv)	the information required under a regulation; and	29
			(v)	any other information the chief executive reasonably requires to decide the application.	30 31
	(3)	A sp	ecial	circumstances certificate may authorise—	32
		(a)	a ch	ild—	33

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to do work a regulation states a child may not do;

			or	2
		(ii)	to work in a way a regulation states a child may not work; or	3 4
		(iii)	to work when a regulation states a child may not work; or	5 6
		(iv)	to work without supervision by an adult; or	7
		(v)	if the child is a school-aged child who does not have a parent or lives independently from his or her parents—to work without having a parent's consent form when the school-aged child is not required to attend school; or	8 9 10 11 12
	(b)	an ei	mployer to permit a child—	13
		(i)	to do work a regulation states a child may not do; or	14 15
		(ii)	to work in a way a regulation states a child may not work; or	16 17
		(iii)	to work when a regulation states a child may not work; or	18 19
		(iv)	to work without supervision by an adult; or	20
		(v)	if the child is a school-aged child who does not have a parent or lives independently from his or her parents—to work without having a parent's consent form when the school-aged child is not required to attend school.	21 22 23 24 25
(4)	certif reaso	icate nable	f executive may grant a special circumstances for a child only if the chief executive is satisfied, on e grounds, that, having regard to the child's circumstances, the work—	26 27 28 29
	(a)	will	not interfere with the child's schooling; and	30
	(b)		not be harmful to the child's health or safety or sical, mental, moral or social development.	31 32
(5)	circu circu	mstaı mstaı	executive may impose conditions on the special neces certificate and may review the special neces certificate at any time the chief executive appropriate.	33 34 35 36

(6)	take	into a	on may prescribe matters the chief executive must account when considering whether to grant a special nees certificate.	1 2 3
(7)	cont	ravent	oyer who requires or permits a child to work in tion of a special circumstances certificate granted ald commits an offence.	4 5 6
	Max	imum	penalty for subsection (7)—100 penalty units.	7
			ve may prohibit a child doing particular work ork the child may do	8 9
(1)	limit		f executive may issue a signed notice (work notice) for a particular child or a particular	10 11 12
(2)	The	work	limitation notice may—	13
	(a)	proh	ibit—	14
		(i)	a child doing stated work for an employer or proposed employer the child would otherwise be permitted to do; or	15 16 17
		(ii)	children doing stated work for a stated employer; or	18 19
	(b)	impo	ose limitations on work—	20
		(i)	a child would otherwise be permitted to do for an employer or proposed employer; or	21 22
		(ii)	children may do for a stated employer.	23
(3)	chie	f exec	executive may issue a work limitation notice if the eutive reasonably believes work stated in the work notice—	24 25 26
	(a)	•	interfere with the schooling of a child or children eted by the work limitation notice; or	27 28
	(b)	men	be harmful to the health or safety or physical, tal, moral or social development of a child or dren affected by the work limitation notice.	29 30 31
(4)	The	chief	executive—	32
	(a)	•	issue a work limitation notice on application or on chief executive's own initiative; and	33 34

		(b) must give an issued work limitation notice to the employer or proposed employer affected by the work limitation notice.	1 2 3
	(5)	However, the chief executive must not issue a work limitation notice to an employer or proposed employer (the <i>employer</i> ) without first—	4 5 6
		(a) giving the employer written notice of the application or proposal to issue a work limitation notice; and	7 8
		(b) inviting the employer to make a written submission about why the work limitation notice should not be issued.	9 10 11
	(6)	A written submission mentioned in subsection (5) must be given to the chief executive within 7 days after receiving the notice or the further time the chief executive allows.	12 13 14
	(7)	The chief executive must consider a written submission made under subsection (6).	15 16
	(8)	The chief executive may review a work limitation notice at any time the chief executive considers appropriate.	17 18
	(9)	A regulation may prescribe matters the chief executive must take into account when considering whether to issue a work limitation notice.	19 20 21
	(10)	An employer who requires or permits a child to work in contravention of a work limitation notice issued for the child or employer commits an offence.	22 23 24
		Maximum penalty for subsection (10)—100 penalty units.	25
14	Cei	rtificate or notice to be given or refusal advised	26
	(1)	If the chief executive decides to grant a special circumstances certificate or to issue a work limitation notice, the chief executive must give an affected person a copy of the special circumstances certificate or the work limitation notice.	27 28 29 30
	(2)	If the chief executive decides not to grant a special circumstances certificate, the chief executive must give an affected person written notice of the decision.	31 32 33
	(3)	If the chief executive decides not to issue a work limitation notice after receiving an application to issue the work	34 35

		of th	tation notice, the chief executive must give written notice be decision to any affected person who applied for its issue the employer.	1 2 3
	(4)	In th	is section—	4
		affec	cted person means—	5
		(a)	a child affected by the special circumstances certificate or work limitation notice; or	6 7
		(b)	if a parent of the child made the application—the parent; or	8 9
		(c)	the child's employer or proposed employer; or	10
		(d)	another person who the chief executive reasonably believes has a sufficient interest in the matter.	11 12
15	Chi	ef ex	ecutive to give reasons if asked	13
		info	affected person may ask the chief executive for an rmation notice about the decision within 21 days after g given notice of the decision.	14 15 16
Part :	3		Enforcement	17
Divisi	on	1	Functions of inspector	18
16	Insp	ecto	or's functions	19
		An i	nspector's functions are—	20
		(a)	to monitor compliance with this Act; and	21
		(b)	to investigate and, when necessary, take action to deal with alleged contraventions of this Act; and	22 23
		(c)	to inform children, parents and employers of their rights and obligations under this Act.	24 25

Divi	sion	2 Powers of inspectors	1	-
17	Ins	pector's powers	2	<u>,</u>
	(1)	When performing functions under this Ac all the powers of an inspector under the <i>I Act 1999</i> .	-	Ļ
	(2)	An inspector also has the powers stated in	this division.	<b>,</b>
18	Po	wer to seize evidence	7	,
	(1)	An inspector may seize a thing at a work enters under this part or the <i>Industrial Re</i> the inspector reasonably believes—	lations Act 1999 if 9	
		(a) the thing is evidence of an offence ag	gainst this Act; and 1	1
		(b) the seizure is necessary to prever hidden, lost or destroyed or used to the offence.	continue or repeat 1	2 3 4
	(2)	Also, an inspector may seize a thing a inspector enters under this part or the <i>Indu 1999</i> if the inspector reasonably believes been used in committing an offence agains	strial Relations Act 1 the thing has just 1	5 6 7 8
19	Sec	curing seized things	1	9
		Having seized a thing, an inspector may—	2	20
		(a) move the thing from the workplace we (the <i>place of seizure</i> ); or		21 22
		(b) leave the thing at the place of seizure action to restrict access to it.		23 24
		Examples of restricting access to a thing—	2	25
		<ul> <li>sealing a thing and marking it to restricted</li> </ul>		26 27
		<ul> <li>sealing the entrance to a room who situated and marking it to show access</li> </ul>		28

20	Taı	npering with seized things	1
		If an inspector restricts access to a seized thing, a person must not tamper, or attempt to tamper, with the thing or something restricting access to the thing without an inspector's approval.	2 3 4
		Maximum penalty—40 penalty units.	5
21	Re	ceipt for seized thing	6
	(1)	As soon as practicable after an inspector seizes a thing, the inspector must give a receipt for it to the person from whom it was seized.	7 8 9
	(2)	However, if for any reason it is not practicable to comply with subsection (1), the inspector must leave the receipt at the place of seizure in a conspicuous position and in a reasonably secure way.	10 11 12 13
	(3)	The receipt must describe generally the thing seized and its condition.	14 15
	(4)	This section does not apply to a thing if it is impracticable or would be unreasonable to give the receipt, given the thing's nature, condition and value.	16 17 18
22	Fo	rfeiture of seized thing	19
	(1)	A seized thing is forfeited to the State if the inspector who seized the thing—	20 21
		(a) can not find its owner, after making reasonable inquiries; or	22 23
		(b) can not return it to its owner, after making reasonable efforts; or	24 25
		(c) reasonably believes it is necessary to keep the thing to prevent it being used to commit an offence against this Act.	26 27 28
	(2)	Subsection (1)(a) does not require the inspector to make inquiries if it would be unreasonable to make inquiries to find the owner.	29 30 31

	(3)	efforts if it would be unreasonable to make efforts to return the thing to its owner.	2 3
	(4)	If the inspector decides to forfeit a thing under subsection (1)(c), the inspector must tell the owner of the decision and the reasons for the decision by written notice.	4 5 6
	(5)	Subsection (4) does not apply if—	7
		(a) the inspector can not find its owner, after making reasonable inquiries; or	8 9
		(b) it is impracticable or would be unreasonable to give the notice.	10 11
	(6)	Regard must be had to a thing's nature, condition and value in deciding—	12 13
		(a) whether it is reasonable to make inquiries or efforts; and	14
		(b) if making inquiries or efforts—what inquiries or efforts, including the period over which they are made, are reasonable.	15 16 17
23	Re	turn of seized thing	18
	(1)	If a seized thing has not been forfeited, the inspector must return it to its owner—	19 20
		(a) at the end of 6 months; or	21
		(b) if a proceeding for an offence involving it is started within 6 months, at the end of the proceeding and any appeal from the proceeding.	22 23 24
	(2)	However, unless the thing has been forfeited, the inspector must immediately return a thing seized as evidence to its owner if the inspector stops being satisfied its continued retention as evidence is necessary.	25 26 27 28
24	Ac	cess to seized thing	29
	(1)	Until a seized thing is forfeited or returned, an inspector must allow its owner to inspect it and, if it is a document, to copy it.	30 31
	(2)	Subsection (1) does not apply if it is impracticable or would be unreasonable to allow the inspection or copying.	32 33

Divi	sion	3	Proceedings	1
25	Pro	oceed	dings for offences	2
	(1)		rosecution for an offence against this Act must be by way ummary proceedings before an industrial magistrate.	3 4
	(2)	_	prosecution for an offence against this Act must be amenced within the later of the following—	5 6
		(a)	1 year after the offence is committed;	7
		(b)	6 months after the commission of the offence comes to the complainant's knowledge, but within 2 years after the commission of the offence.	8 9 10
	(3)	char	Industrial Relations Act 1999 applies, with necessary nges, in relation to a proceeding before an industrial distrate for a charge of an offence against this Act.	11 12 13
		Note-	_	14
		to	nder the <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1954</i> , section 7, in an Act, a reference an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in rece under the Act.	15 16 17
26	Evi	ident	iary provisions	18
		In a	proceeding under this Act—	19
		(a)	the appointment as inspector of a person claiming to be, or stated to be, an inspector and the authority of an inspector to take proceedings, or do any act, must be presumed, until the contrary is proved; and	20 21 22 23
		(b)	a document appearing to be a copy of a special circumstances certificate or work limitation notice granted or issued by the chief executive under this Act is evidence of what it states; and	24 25 26 27
		(c)	the authority of a person to accept service of a document on behalf of another must be presumed in the absence of evidence to the contrary.	28 29 30

Part	4	Appeals	1
27	Ар	peal from decision of the chief executive	2
	(1)	An affected person who is dissatisfied with a decision of the chief executive may appeal against the decision to the industrial commission.	3 4 5
		Example for subsection (1)—	6
		A person may be dissatisfied with a decision of the chief executive because the person believes it was not made in accordance with the guidelines mentioned in section 31(1).	7 8 9
	(2)	The <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> applies, with necessary changes, in relation to the appeal.	10 11
	(3)	However, the appeal must be started—	12
		(a) if the person has asked for an information notice under section 15—within 21 days after the person is given the information notice; or	13 14 15
		(b) otherwise—within 21 days after the person is given notice of the decision.	16 17
	(4)	However, the industrial commission may extend the time for starting an appeal.	18 19
	(5)	A defect in the information notice does not affect the person's right to appeal against the decision.	20 21
28	Na	ture of appeal	22
	(1)	An appeal to the industrial commission is by way of rehearing on the record.	23 24
	(2)	However, the industrial commission may hear evidence afresh, or hear additional evidence, if the industrial commission considers it appropriate to effectively dispose of the appeal.	25 26 27 28
29	De	cision on appeal	29
	(1)	The industrial commission may—	30
		(a) confirm the decision appealed against: or	31

		(b) allow the appeal, set aside the decision being appealed and substitute another decision; or	1 2
		(c) allow the appeal and amend the decision; or	3
		(d) allow the appeal, suspend the operation of the decision and remit the matter, with or without directions, to the chief executive to act according to law.	4 5 6
	(2)	Without limiting the industrial commission's powers under the <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> , in deciding the appeal the industrial commission has the same powers as the chief executive.	7 8 9 10
30	Ар	peal from decision of an Industrial Magistrates Court	11
		A person who is dissatisfied with the decision of an Industrial Magistrates Court in a proceeding for an offence against this Act may appeal to the Industrial Court.	12 13 14
Part	5	General	15
Part 31	Ch	General  ief executive to consult with representative bodies out guidelines for particular decisions	15 16 17
	Ch	ief executive to consult with representative bodies	16
	Chi abo	ief executive to consult with representative bodies out guidelines for particular decisions  The chief executive may issue guidelines for deciding whether to grant a special circumstances certificate or to issue a work	16 17 18 19
	Chi abo (1) (2)	ief executive to consult with representative bodies out guidelines for particular decisions  The chief executive may issue guidelines for deciding whether to grant a special circumstances certificate or to issue a work limitation notice.  When developing or reviewing guidelines under subsection (1), the chief executive may consult with any entity the chief executive reasonably believes may help in the achievement of	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
31	Chi abo (1) (2)	ief executive to consult with representative bodies out guidelines for particular decisions  The chief executive may issue guidelines for deciding whether to grant a special circumstances certificate or to issue a work limitation notice.  When developing or reviewing guidelines under subsection (1), the chief executive may consult with any entity the chief executive reasonably believes may help in the achievement of the purposes of this Act.	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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33	Executive officers must ensure corporation complies with Act					
	(1)	The executive officers of a corporation must ensure the corporation complies with this Act.	3 4			
	(2)	If a corporation commits an offence against a provision of this Act, each of the corporation's executive officers also commits an offence, namely, the offence of failing to ensure the corporation complies with the provision.	5 6 7 8			
		Maximum penalty—the penalty for the contravention of the provision by an individual.	9 10			
	(3)	Evidence that the corporation has been convicted of an offence against a provision of this Act is evidence that each of the executive officers committed the offence of failing to ensure the corporation complies with the provision.	11 12 13 14			
	(4)	However, it is a defence for an executive officer to prove that—	15 16			
		(a) if the officer was in a position to influence the conduct of the corporation in relation to the offence, the officer exercised reasonable diligence to ensure the corporation complied with the provision; or	17 18 19 20			
		(b) the officer was not in a position to influence the conduct of the corporation in relation to the offence.	21 22			
	(5)	In this section—	23			
		executive officer, of a corporation, means any person, by whatever name called and whether or not the person is a director of the corporation, who is concerned or takes part in the management of the corporation.	24 25 26 27			
34	Re	sponsibility for acts or omissions of representatives	28			
	(1)	This section applies in a proceeding for an offence against this Act.	29 30			
	(2)	If it is relevant to prove a person's state of mind about a particular act or omission, it is enough to show—	31 32			
		(a) the act was done or omitted to be done by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority; and	33 34 35			

		(b) the representative had the state of mind.	1
	(3)	An act done or omitted to be done for a person by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority is taken to have been done or omitted to be done also by the person, unless the person proves the person could not, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, have prevented the act or omission.	2 3 4 5 6 7
	(4)	In this section—	8
		representative means—	9
		(a) for a corporation—an executive officer, employee or agent of the corporation; or	10 11
		(b) for an individual—an employee or agent of the individual.	12 13
		state of mind, of a person, includes—	14
		(a) the person's knowledge, intention, opinion, belief or purpose; and	15 16
		(b) the person's reasons for the intention, opinion, belief or purpose.	17 18
35	Fal	se or misleading statements to officials	19
	(1)	A person must not state anything to an official the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.	20 21
		Maximum penalty—40 penalty units.	22
	(2)	It is enough for a complaint for an offence against subsection (1) to state the statement made was 'false or misleading' to the person's knowledge, without specifying which.	23 24 25
36	Fal	se or misleading documents	26
	(1)	A person must not give to an official a document containing information the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.	27 28 29
		Maximum penalty—40 penalty units.	30
	(2)	Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who, when giving the document—	31 32

		(a) informs the official, to the best of the person's ability, how it is false or misleading; and	1 2
		(b) gives the correct information to the official if the person has, or can reasonably obtain, the correct information.	3
	(3)	It is enough for a complaint for an offence against subsection (1) to state the document was 'false or misleading' to the person's knowledge, without specifying which.	5 6 7
37	De	legations	8
	(1)	The chief executive may delegate the chief executive's powers under this Act to an appropriately qualified officer of the department.	9 10 11
	(2)	In this section—	12
		appropriately qualified includes having the qualifications, experience or standing appropriate to exercise the power.	13 14
		Example of standing—	15
		a person's classification level in the department	16
38	Ар	proved forms	17
		The chief executive may approve forms for use under this Act.	18
39	Re	gulation-making power	19
	(1)	The Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act.	20 21
	(2)	For example, a regulation may—	22
		(a) regulate work conditions for children; or	23
		(b) regulate work conditions for children in particular types of businesses, including in the entertainment industry; or	24 25 26
		(c) prescribe matters for which fees are payable under this Act and the fees that are payable for the matters; or	27 28
		(d) provide for the records that must be kept, and for how long and where the records must be kept; or	29 30

	(e) impose a penalty of not more than 40 penalty units for a contravention of a provision of the regulation.	1 2
Part	6 Amendment of Education legislation	3 4
Divisi	on 1 Amendment of Education (General Provisions) Act 1989	5 6
40	Act amended in this division	7
	This division amends the <i>Education (General Provisions) Act</i> 1989.	8 9
41	Amendment of s 119 (Employment of children of compulsory school age)	10 11
	Section 119(1), from 'during' to 'school age'—	12
	omit, insert—	13
	'the parent's child who is of compulsory school age when the child is required to attend school for the educational program in which the child is enrolled'.	14 15 16
42	Insertion of new pt 14	17
	After part 13—	18
	insert—	19
'Part	14 Declaratory provision for Child Employment Act 2005	20 21
171	Further amendment, or repeal, of Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2000	22 23
	'The amendment of the Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2000 by the Child Employment Act 2005 does not	24 25

		the power of the Governor in Council to further amend gulation or to repeal it.'.	1 2
Divi	sion 2	Amendment of Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2000	3 4
43	Regulatio	n amended in this division	5
		division amends the Education (General Provisions) ation 2000.	6 7
44		of s 20 (Hours during which child of age of bry attendance not to be employed—Act, s 119)	8 9
	Sectio	on 20—	10
	omit.		11
Par	-	Amendment of Industrial Relations Act 1999	12 13
45	Act amen	ded in this part	14
	This p	part amends the Industrial Relations Act 1999.	15
46	Amendme	ent of s 13 (Payment for annual leave)	16
	Section dot po	on 13(5), definition default average commission, third int—	17 18
	omit, i	insert—	19
	1	multiplied by the number of days starting on the day the leave commences and ending on the day before the employee is due to return to work.'.	20 21 22
47	A ma a mad mad	ant of a 17 (Definitions for at 2)	23
• •	Amename	ent of s 17 (Definitions for pt 2)	23

		insert—	1
		'parental leave entitlement means the parental leave entitlement mentioned in section 18(2), (3) or (4).	2 3
		short term casual employee means a casual employee, other than a long term casual employee.'.	4 5
48	Am	nendment of s 18 (Entitlement)	6
		Section 18(5)—	7
		omit, insert—	8
	'(5)	However, parental leave must not extend—	9
		(a) beyond 1 year after the child was born or adopted; or	10
		(b) if an application for an extension of parental leave under section 29A is agreed to—beyond 2 years after the child was born or adopted.'.	11 12 13
49	Re	placement of s 29 (Extending period of parental leave)	14
		Section 29—	15
		omit, insert—	16
<b>'29</b>	Ext	tending period of parental leave by notice	17
	'(1)	An employee may extend the period of parental leave once only by written notice given to the employer at least 14 days—	18 19 20
		(a) before the start of the parental leave; or	21
		(b) if the parental leave has been started—before the parental leave ends.	22 23
	'(2)	The notice must state when the extended period of parental leave ends.	24 25
	'(3)	The total period of parental leave can not be extended under subsection (1) beyond the total period mentioned in section 18(5)(a).	26 27 28

'29A	Ext	ending period of parental leave by agreement	1
	'(1) A pregnant employee entitled to maternity leave under sect 18(2), or an employee who is taking maternity leave, rapply to the employer for an extension of the maternity le for an unbroken period of up to 104 weeks in total.		
	'(2)	An employee entitled to parental leave for the birth of a child of the employee's spouse under section 18(3), or who is taking parental leave for the birth, may apply to the employer for either or both of the following—	6 7 8 9
		(a) an extension of the short parental leave for an unbroken period of up to 8 weeks in total;	10 11
		(b) an extension of the long parental leave for an unbroken period of up to 96 weeks in total.	12 13
	'(3)	An employee entitled to parental leave for the adoption of a child under section 18(4), or who is taking adoption leave for the adoption, may apply to the employer for either or both of the following—	14 15 16 17
		(a) an extension of the short adoption leave for an unbroken period of up to 8 weeks in total;	18 19
		(b) an extension of the long adoption leave for an unbroken period of up to 96 weeks in total.	20 21
	'(4)	An employee may not make more than 1 application under subsection (1), (2) or (3) within any 12 month period, unless the employer agrees.	22 23 24
'29B		ployee on parental leave may apply to work t-time	25 26
	'(1)	An employee on parental leave may apply to the employer to return to work on a part-time basis.	27 28
	'(2)	An employee may not make more than 1 application under this section within any 12 month period, unless the employer agrees.	29 30 31
'29C	Ар	plication for extension or part-time work	32
	'(1)	An application mentioned in section 29A or 29B must—	33

	(a)	be in writing; and	1
	(b)	be made—	2
		(i) for an application for an extension of short parental leave or short adoption leave—at least 2 business days before the leave ends; or	4
		leave, long parental leave or long adoption 7	5 7 8
			9 10
	(c)	leave under section 29A or an application to return to work on a part-time basis under section 29B, as 1	11 12 13 14
	(d)		15 16
	(e)		17 18
	(f)	± • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	19 20
		leave, long parental leave or long adoption 2 leave—the employee is seeking the extension so the employee can continue to be the child's 2	21 22 23 24 25
		basis—the employee is seeking to work on a part-time basis so the employee can continue to be	26 27 28 29
'(2)	29B relatenro	may be made can not extend beyond the day the child in on to whom parental leave was taken is required to be led for compulsory schooling under the <i>Education</i>	30 31 32 33 34
'(3)	perso	on started parental leave before the commencement of	35 36 37

'29D	D Employer to give proper consideration to application for extension or part-time work				
	'(1)	In deciding whether to agree to an application for an extension of the period of parental leave under section 29A or an application to return to work on a part-time basis under section 29B, the employer must consider the following—	3 4 5 6		
		(a) the particular circumstances of the employee that give rise to the application, particularly circumstances relating to the employee's role as the child's caregiver;	7 8 9		
		(b) the impact refusal of the application might have on the employee and the employee's dependants;	10 11		
		(c) the effect that agreeing to the application would have on the conduct of the employer's business, including, for example—	12 13 14		
		(i) any additional cost the employer would incur; and	15		
		(ii) the employer's capacity to reorganise work arrangements; and	16 17		
		(iii) the availability of competent replacement staff; and	18		
		(iv) any loss of efficiency in the conduct of the employer's business; and	19 20		
		(v) the impact of the employee's absence or temporary absence on the delivery of customer service.	21 22		
	'(2)	The employer must not unreasonably refuse an application under section 29A or 29B.	23 24		
	'(3)	The employer must advise the employee, in writing, of the employer's decision—	25 26		
		(a) if the application is for an extension of short parental leave or short adoption leave—as soon as possible after receiving the application but before the short parental leave or short adoption leave ends; or	27 28 29 30		
		(b) for any other application—within 14 days after receiving the application.	31 32		
	'(4)	If the employer refuses the application, the employer must provide the employee with written reasons for refusing the application?	33 34		

50	Amendment of s 33 (Employer's obligations)			
	(1)	Section 33, heading, 'obligations'—	2	
		omit, insert—	3	
		'obligation to advise about parental leave entitlements'.	4	
	(2)	Section 33, 'this part'—	5	
		omit, insert—	6	
		'this division'.	7	
51	Ins	ertion of new ss 38A-38C	8	
		Chapter 2, part 2, division 2, after section 38—	9	
		insert—	10	
'38A	Employer's obligation to advise about significant change at the workplace			
	'(1)	This section applies—	13	
		(a) if an employer decides to implement significant change at a workplace; and	14 15	
		(b) whether or not the decision was made before the commencement of this section if the decision had not been implemented at the commencement.	16 17 18	
	'(2)	The employer must take reasonable action to advise each employee who is absent from the workplace on parental leave about the proposed change before it is implemented.	19 20 21	
	'(3)	The advice must inform the employee of the change and any effect it will have on the position the employee held before starting parental leave, including, for example, its status or the level of responsibility attaching to the position.	22 23 24 25	
	'(4)	The employer must give the employee a reasonable opportunity to discuss any significant effect the change will have on the employee's position.	26 27 28	

38B	Employee's obligations to advise employer about particular changes			1 2
	'(1)	emp	employee who is absent on parental leave must advise the loyer of any change in the employee's contact details, uding any change of address.	3 4 5
		Note-	_	6
		sec	dvice given under subsection (1) may be used by an employer for ction 38A if a need arises to advise the employee about significant ange at the workplace.	7 8 9
	'(2)	reas char	employee who is absent on parental leave must also take onable steps to advise the employer of any significant age affecting the following as soon as possible after the age happens—	10 11 12 13
		(a)	the length of the employee's parental leave;	14
		(b)	the date the employee intends to return to work;	15
		(c)	an earlier decision to return to work on a full-time basis or to apply to return to work on a part-time basis.	16 17
38C	Rev	view	of ss 29A-29D	18
	'(1)		full bench must review the operation of sections 29A, , 29C and 29D <sup>5</sup> —	19 20
		(a)	on its own initiative; or	21
		(b)	on the Minister's direction.	22
	'(2)	mus	ne absence of a direction from the Minister, the full bench t start a review on its own initiative within 3 years after commencement of this section.	23 24 25
	'(3)		undertaking a review, the full bench must consider, in icular—	26 27
		(a)	whether the sections are meeting the reasonable needs of employees; and	28 29

Sections 29A (Extending period of parental leave by agreement), 29B (Employee on parental leave may apply to work part-time), 29C (Application for extension or part-time work) and 29D (Employer to give proper consideration to application for extension or part-time work)

		(b) the impact the operation of the sections is having on the ability of employers to conduct their businesses efficiently.	1 2 3
	'(4)	The full bench must report the result of a review, and make recommendations, to the Minister.'.	4 5
52	Re	placement of s 39 (Entitlement)	6
		Section 39—	7
		omit, insert—	8
<b>'39</b>	Em	ployee's entitlement to carer's leave	9
	'(1)	An employee may use up to 10 days of sick leave on full pay ( <i>carer's leave</i> ) in each year to care for and support members of the employee's immediate family or household—	10 11 12
		(a) when they are ill; or	13
		(b) because an unexpected emergency arises.	14
		Example for paragraph (b)—	15
		unexpected failure of child care arrangements	16
	'(2)	If the employee has exhausted his or her entitlement under subsection (1), the employee may take up to an additional 2 days unpaid carer's leave each time the employee needs to care for and support members of the employee's immediate family or household—	17 18 19 20 21
		(a) when they are ill; or	22
		(b) because an unexpected emergency arises.	23
	'(3)	The employee may take additional unpaid carer's leave if the employer agrees.	24 25
	'(4)	An employee can not take carer's leave if another person has taken leave to care for the same person unless there are special circumstances requiring more than 1 person to care for the person.	26 27 28 29
	'(5)	Carer's leave may be taken for part of a day.	30
	'(6)	In this section—	31
		employee does not include casual employee.	32

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		sick leave includes sick leave accrued before the commencement of this section.	1 2
'39A	Lor lea	ng term casual employee's entitlement to carer's ve	3 4
	'(1)	A long term casual employee is entitled to 10 days unpaid leave (also <i>carer's leave</i> ) in each year to care for and support members of the employee's immediate family or household—	5 6 7
		(a) when they are ill; or	8
		(b) because an unexpected emergency arises.	9
	'(2)	The long term casual employee may take additional unpaid carer's leave if the employer agrees.	10 11
	'(3)	A long term casual employee can not take carer's leave if another person has taken leave to care for the same person unless there are special circumstances requiring more than 1 person to care for the person.	12 13 14 15
	'(4)	Carer's leave may be taken for part of a day.	16
	'(5)	The employer must not fail to re-engage a long term casual employee only because the long term casual employee has taken carer's leave under this section.	17 18 19
	'(6)	However, the rights of an employer not to re-engage a long term casual employee are not otherwise affected.	20 21
'39B	She lea	ort term casual employee's entitlement to carer's ve	22 23
	'(1)	A short term casual employee is entitled to leave work or to be unavailable to attend work for up to 2 days (also <i>carer's leave</i> ) each time the employee needs to care for and support members of the employee's immediate family or household—	24 25 26 27
		(a) when they are ill; or	28
		(b) because an unexpected emergency arises; or	29
		(c) because of the birth of a child.	30
	'(2)	The short term casual employee may leave work or be unavailable to attend work for reasons mentioned in subsection (1) for additional periods if the employer agrees.	31 32 33

	'(3)	A short term casual employee can not take carer's leave another person has taken leave to care for the same perso unless there are special circumstances requiring more than person to care for the person.	on 2
	'(4)	Carer's leave may be taken for part of a day.	5
	'(5)	The employer must not fail to re-engage a short term casu employee only because the short term casual employee has taken carer's leave under this section.	
	'(6)	However, the rights of an employer not to re-engage a shotterm casual employee are not otherwise affected.	ort 9 10
	'(7)	Leave taken under this section is unpaid.	11
'39C		ployees etc. to provide supporting information to ployer	12 13
	'(1)	If an employee is taking carer's leave to care for and support member of the employee's immediate family or househow who is ill, the employee must, if required by the employee produce a doctor's certificate or statutory declaration evidencing that the member is ill with an illness requiring car by another.	ld 15 er, 16 on 17
	'(2)	An employee must, if practicable, give the employer—	20
		(a) notice of the intention to take carer's leave before taking the leave; and	ng 21 22
		(b) the name of the person requiring care and the person relationship to the employee; and	's 23 24
		(c) the reason for taking the leave; and	25
		(d) the period that the employee estimates he or she will be absent; and	pe 26 27
		(e) if the reason for taking the leave is because a unexpected emergency has arisen, the nature of the emergency.	
	'(3)	If it is not practicable for the employee to notify the employe of the intention to take carer's leave before taking the leave the employee must notify the employer at the first reasonab opportunity.'.	e, 32

53	Amendment of s 40 (Entitlement)			1
	(1)	Sect	tion 40(1)—	2
		omit	t, insert—	3
	'(1)	This	s section does not apply to pieceworkers.'.	4
	(2)	Sect	tion 40(2), after 'casual employee'—	5
		inse	rt—	6
		or s	short term casual employee'.	7
	(3)	Sect	tion 40(4) and (5)—	8
		renu	umber as section 40(5) and (6).	9
	(4)	Sect	tion 40—	10
		inse	rt—	11
	'(4)		nort term casual employee is entitled to be unavailable to nd work—	12 13
		(a)	for up to 2 days on unpaid bereavement leave on the death of a member of the person's immediate family or household; and	14 15 16
		(b)	if the employee reasonably requires extra time to travel to and from the funeral or other ceremony for the death—an amount of unpaid bereavement leave equal to the time reasonably required for the travel.'.	17 18 19 20
	(5)	Sect	tion 40—	21
		inse	rt—	22
	'(7)	The employer must not fail to re-engage a casual employee only because the casual employee has taken bereavement leave under this section.		23 24 25
	'(8)		vever, the rights of an employer not to re-engage a casual ployee are not otherwise affected.'.	26 27
54	fro	m em	ment of s 71A (Minimum period of notice required apployee under particular instrument, federal or federal agreement)	28 29 30
	(1)	Sect	tion 71A(2) and (3)—	31
		renu	umber as section 71A(3) and (4).	32

	(2)	Section 71A—	1	
		insert—	2	
	'(2)	However, this section does not apply to an employee, apprentice or trainee mentioned in section 72(3) or (7).'.	3 4	
	(3)	Section 71A(4), as renumbered, 'subsection (2)'—	5	
		omit, insert—	6	
		'subsection (3)'.	7	
55	Amendment of s 73 (When is a dismissal unfair)			
		Section 73(2)—	9	
		insert—	10	
		'(ka) a reason mentioned in section 39B(5) or 40(7);'.	11	
56	Amendment of s 350 (Appointment of inspectors)			
		Section 350(4)—	13	
		insert—	14	
		'(d) the Child Employment Act 2005.'.	15	
57	Amendment of s 352 (Powers)			
		Section 352—	17	
		insert—	18	
	'(4)	For the purposes of an inspector exercising powers under the Act while acting as an inspector under the Child Employment Act 2005—		
		(a) a reference in this Act to an <i>employee</i> includes a child to whom that Act applies; and	22 23	
		(b) a reference in this Act to an <i>employer</i> includes a person who engages, or arranges for, a child to whom that Act applies to perform work at the direction of the person, whether the child works for gain or reward or on a voluntary basis.'	24 25 26 27 28	

58	Ins	Insertion of new ch 20, pt 5		
		Chapter 20—	2	
		insert—	3	
'Part 5		Transitional provision for Child Employment Act 2005		
<b>'739</b>	Pro	ovision for agreed extensions of parental leave	6	
	'(1)	This section applies if, before the commencement of new section 29, an employer and an employee agreed that the employee could extend the employee's period of parental leave beyond the total period allowed under old section 18.	7 8 9 10	
	'(2)	The agreement continues to have effect according to its terms.	11	
	'(3)	In this section—	12	
		new section 29 means section 29 as inserted by the <i>Child Employment Act 2005</i> , section 49.	13 14	
		<i>old section 18</i> means section 18 as in force immediately before the commencement of the <i>Child Employment Act 2005</i> , section 48.'.	15 16 17	
59	Amendment of sch 5 (Dictionary)		18	
		Schedule 5—	19	
		insert—	20	
		'parental leave entitlement, for chapter 2, part 2, see section 17.	21 22	
		short term casual employee, for chapter 2, part 2, see section 17'	23 24	

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section 3

## Schedule Dictionary

affec	eted person see section 14.	3
	enticeship has the meaning given by the Vocational cation, Training and Employment Act 2000.	4 5
busir	ness includes a trade or occupation.	6
or ar	ctions work means the collecting of donations of money ticles for any appeal for support for any purpose under Collections Act 1966.	7 8 9
a ch	<i>loyer</i> means a person who engages a child, or arranges for ild, to perform work at the direction of the person, there the child works for gain or reward or on a voluntary is.	10 11 12 13
•	rmation notice, for a decision of the chief executive, as a signed notice stating the following—	14 15
(a)	the decision;	16
(b)	the reasons for the decision;	17
(c)	the person to whom the notice is given may appeal against the decision to the industrial commission within 21 days, but the industrial commission may extend the time for starting an appeal.	18 19 20 21
	ector means an inspector under the <i>Industrial Relations</i> 1999.	22 23
offic	ial means—	24
(a)	the chief executive; or	25
(b)	an inspector.	26
parei	nt, of a child, see section 6.	27
	nt's consent form, for a school-aged or young child, see on 10(3).	28 29
reasa	onably helieves means believes on reasonable grounds	30

### Schedule (continued)

required to attend school, in relation to a school-aged child, means required to attend school for the educational program in which the school-aged child is enrolled.	1 2 3
school-aged child see section 7.	4
school-aged or young child means a school-aged child or a young child.	5 6
special circumstances certificate see section 12.	7
traineeship has the meaning given by the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000.	8 9
vocational placement has the meaning given by the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000.	10 11
work, in relation to a child, see section 8.	12
work experience has the meaning given by the Education (Work Experience) Act 1996.	13 14
work limitation notice see section 13.	15
workplace means a place in or on which an inspector reasonably suspects work is, has been, or is about to be carried on.	16 17 18
young child means a child who is not old enough to be enrolled for compulsory schooling under the <i>Education</i> (General Provisions) Act 1989.	19 20 21