

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

At 30 June 1999, there were 43 Members of the Commission holding primary appointments - the President, two Vice Presidents, nine Senior Deputy Presidents, two Deputy Presidents and 29 Commissioners. Just under half, including the President, were based in Melbourne with the remainder located in Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra, Perth, Darwin and Hobart.

In addition, the Commission had 27 dual appointees whose primary appointment was to a State industrial tribunal - fifteen Deputy Presidents and twelve Commissioners.

During the reporting period there were a number of changes in the membership of the Commission. Lists of primary and dual appointees as of 30 June 1999 are included in Appendix A.

APPOINTMENTS

On 30 April 1999 Deputy President Acton was appointed to the office of Senior Deputy President.

RELOCATIONS

Vice President Ross relocated from Sydney to Melbourne in February 1999 for a two year period.

DUAL APPOINTEES

On 15 July 1998 Senior Commissioner G.L. Fielding was appointed as Deputy President. His primary appointment is to the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

On 24 November 1998 the following Members, who all hold primary appointments to the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales, were appointed as Deputy Presidents of the Commission:

Justice F.L. Wright;
Justice J.J. Cahill;
Justice R.J. Peterson;
Justice F. Marks;
Justice M. Schmidt; and
Deputy President R.W. Harrison.

Commissioner B. Blades was appointed as a Commissioner on 24 November 1998. His primary appointment is to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

On 10 December 1998 Justice J.J. Cahill's appointment as a Deputy President of the Commission lapsed as a result of his retirement from his principal appointment to the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales.

At 30 June 1999, eight primary appointees of the federal Commission also held dual appointments with State industrial tribunals. They were:

Senior Deputy President Harrison (Industrial Relations Commission of South Australia);
Deputy President Duncan (Queensland Industrial Relations Commission);
Commissioner Leary (Tasmanian Industrial Commission);
Commissioner Lewin (Industrial Relations Commission of South Australia);
Commissioner Harrison (Queensland Industrial Relations Commission);
Commissioner Hoffman (Queensland Industrial Relations Commission);
Commissioner Hodder (Queensland Industrial Relations Commission); and
Commissioner Bacon (Queensland Industrial Relations Commission).

PANELS

The work of the Commission is administered through a panel system whereby Presidential Members organise and allocate work within a number of specified industries. A list of Panel Assignments as of 30 June 1999 is at Appendix B.

Changes throughout the reporting period included:

Justice Giudice maintained responsibility for organising and allocating the work of Justice Boulton's panel during the period of Justice Boulton's appointment with the International Labour Organisation. Justice Boulton resumed responsibility for the panel upon his return from overseas on 3 May 1999.

Deputy President Stevens, a dual appointee to both the federal and South Australian Commissions, continued his assignment to Justice Boulton's panel during the reporting period.

Commissioner McCutcheon, a dual appointee to both the federal and South Australian Commissions, was formally assigned for a trial period to Vice President McIntyre's panel on 20 August 1998. He is being allocated South Australian files in the building, plumbing and electrical industries.

Commissioner Huxter, a dual appointee to both the federal and South Australian Commissions, was formally assigned for a trial period to Justice Munro's panel on 27 August 1998.