

Media Statement

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Peak security industry body opposes amendments to *Security Industry Act 2003*

Australia's peak security industry body, the Australian Security Industry Association (ASIAL) has voiced its opposition to the Attorney-General's attempt to amend the *Security Industry Act* by way of the Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 (No. 4).

The Bill is due to be debated today in the Legislative Assembly.

ASIAL CEO Bryan de Caires, has criticised the Attorney-General for attempting to amend the Security Industry Act that would require employees to seek union certification in contradiction of freedom of association rules.

ASIAL has not been consulted about the amendments, which if passed would force an applicant for a security employee licence to apply to a union for a certificate. ASIAL is concerned that the proposed amendment could impose an unnecessary additional cost for new entrants to the sector, at a time when the industry is already experiencing difficulties in attracting quality personnel.

Given that the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) already requires employees to be provided with a Fair Work statement outlining their rights and obligations, ASIAL sees no need for the proposed amendments.

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