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COALITION SERVES UP FAIR WORKPLACE RELATIONS POLICY FOR HOSPITALITY

The AHA(WA) has welcomed today's launch of the Federal Coalition's workplace relations policy as a measured and stable transition from the current radical and unworkable industrial framework.

Bradley Woods, Chief Executive of the AHA(WA) said "the Federal Coalition's commitment to bury WorkChoices and instead improve the Fair Work Act, is a fair approach to delivering balance for employers, employees and even unions.

In particular, we recognise the following:

"The Coalition's commitment to protect small business from unfair prosecutions by the Fair Work Ombudsman over non-intentional clerical errors is applauded.

"The proposed improvements to Labor's individual flexibility agreements in Enterprise Bargaining Agreements will offer workers and employers more options to seek and deliver protected flexible working conditions.

"Allowing parties to reach agreement on innovative work conditions to suit personal situations and business' conditions is a win-win for employers and employees. Standard award conditions are preserved for those who choose this, whilst those seeking more flexible options will be protected by Labor's existing *Better Off Overall Test*.

"The requirement to implement a productivity test within agreement making processes is an important step towards ensuring improved and more balanced employment conditions," said Mr Woods.

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