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Coalition tip-toes in the right direction on IR

Today's release by the Coalition of its IR policy provides employers with confidence of a fairer system over time, but risks being too slow to implement reforms.

Tourism Accommodation Australia (TAA) Managing Director Rodger Powell welcomed the announcement of the Opposition's policy well-ahead of the election.

"Industrial relations is shaping to be an important election issue, with business concerns about the lack of flexibility under the Fair Work Act needing urgent attention. From this perspective it is pleasing to see the Coalition releasing its detailed policy position for public scrutiny more than four months out from polling day.

"The proposed reforms are a modest response to soften the restrictive and burdensome system currently in place and restore fairness for employers lost with the introduction of the Fair Work Act.

"Our concern is the length of time it will take for the Productivity Commission to conduct its review and then having to wait until after the 2016 election to see recommendations implemented. With three years evidence of the shortcomings of the current system, the time for change is now, not in four years' time."

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