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### WITH COMPLIMENTS

#### NSW SIGNS UP TO NATIONAL IR LAW

In breaking news, the NSW State Government has finally agreed to hand over its industrial relations powers to the Rudd Government. The deal, announced today, means that NSW will be covered by national workplace law for the very first time. On 1 January 2010, all NSW employers, except state government departments & local councils, will come under the Federal Fair Work Act, subject to Senate approval.

NSW was the last Labor state to sign up to the national workplace system and the deal follows protracted and tough negotiations between Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard and the NSW Attorney-General, John Hatzistergos. Members of the NSW Industrial Relations Commission will now be appointed to the national tribunal Fair Work Australia. Further details on the terms of this historic referral to come in our December issue of *Vision in the Workplace*.

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