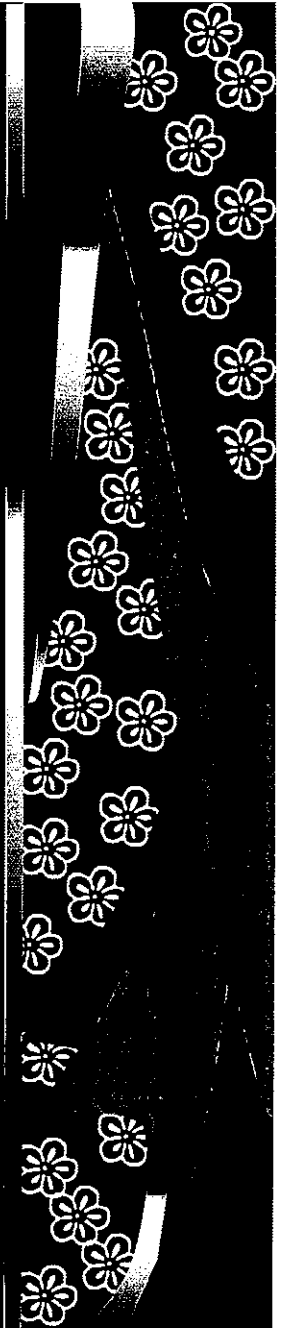


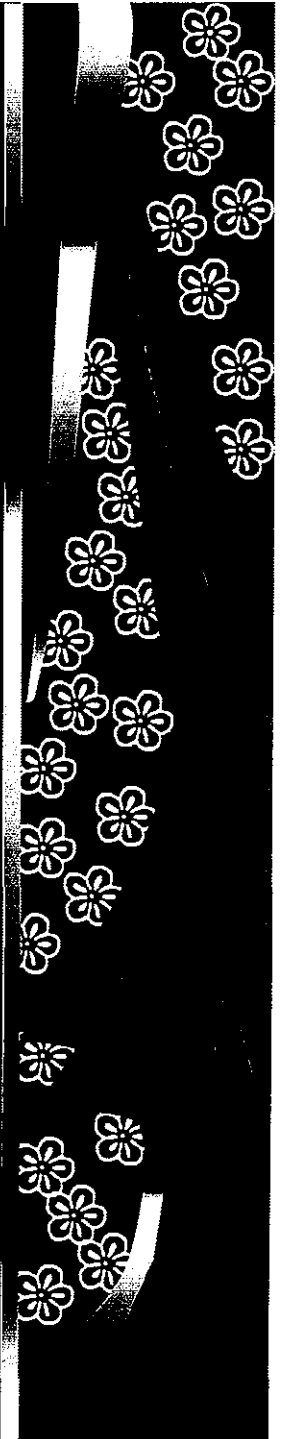
Regional Economic Development and the new National IR System

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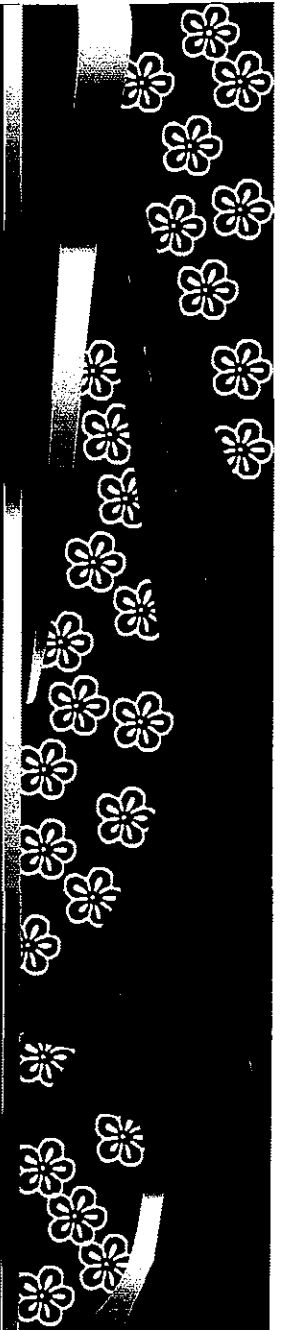
Why bother about regional interests in employment law?

- ❑ Think of a mechanic in Far North Queensland:
- ❑ Dengue fever – needs thick overalls?
- ❑ Heat in summer – heat exhaustion because of thick overalls?
- ❑ Types of vehicles - rust



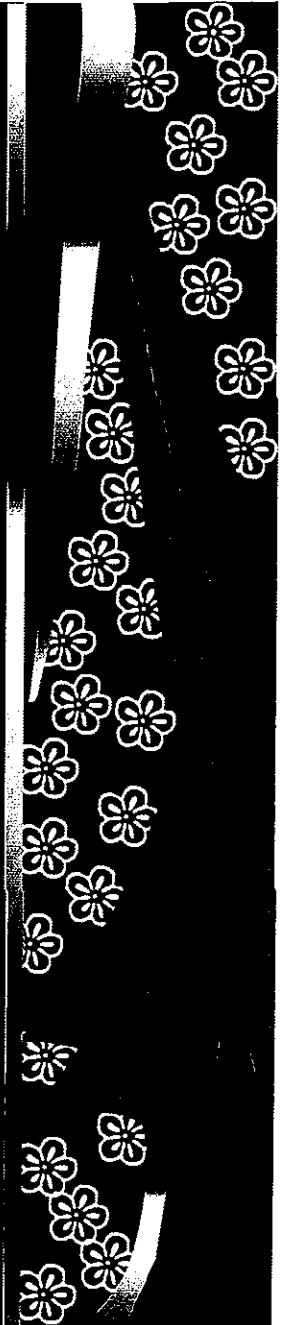
Why bother about regional interests in employment law?

- ❑ Think about a mechanic in Sydney:
- ❑ Do they care more about travelling time and distance to work than about dengue fever?
- ❑ Types of vehicle, training etc.



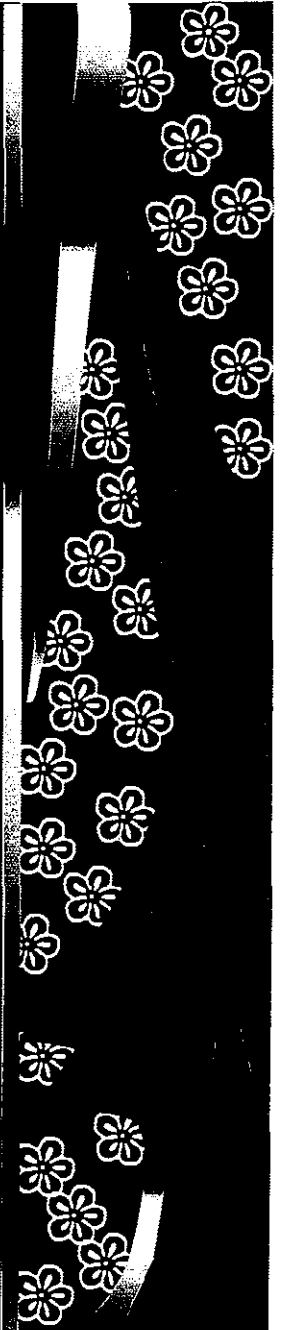
Why bother about regional issues in employment law?

- ❑ Indigenous Australians and stolen wages
- ❑ Regional and farm workers
- ❑ OHS conditions and eg SCUBA
- ❑ Tourist jobs and casualisation/language
- ❑ Mining sector employment
- ❑ And the list goes on...



The Importance of the Traditional State systems

- ❑ The state systems actually made a great contribution to Australian life by protecting and promoting state interests
- ❑ Those interests were and are genuine

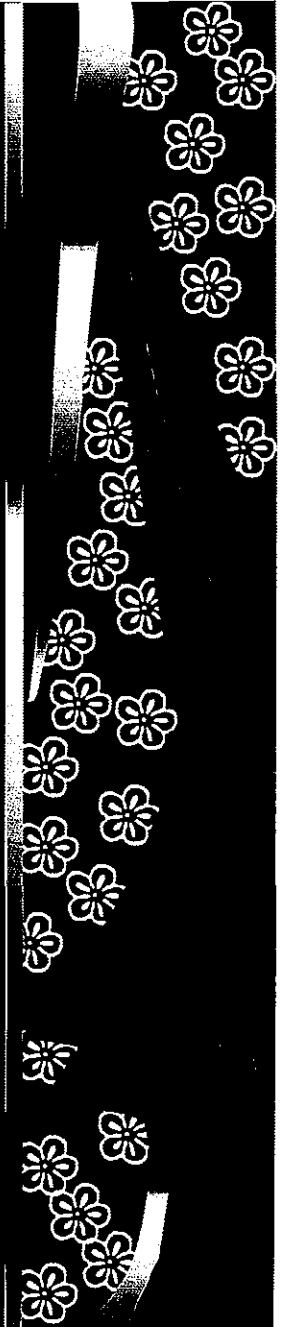


The value of the states



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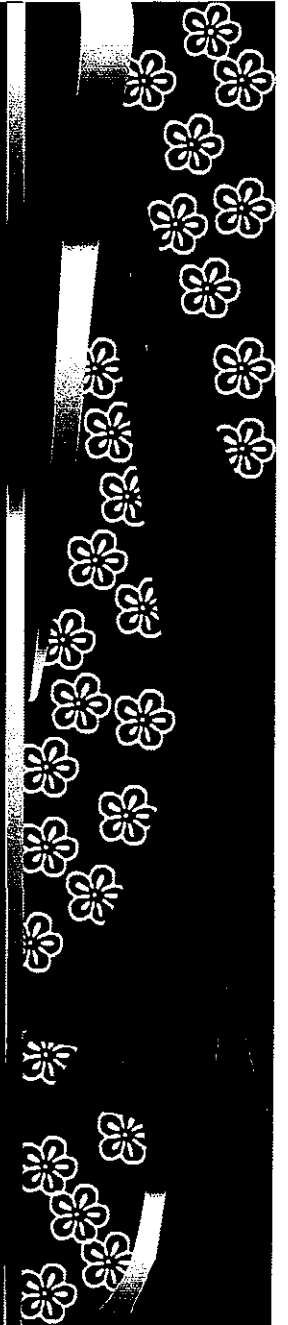
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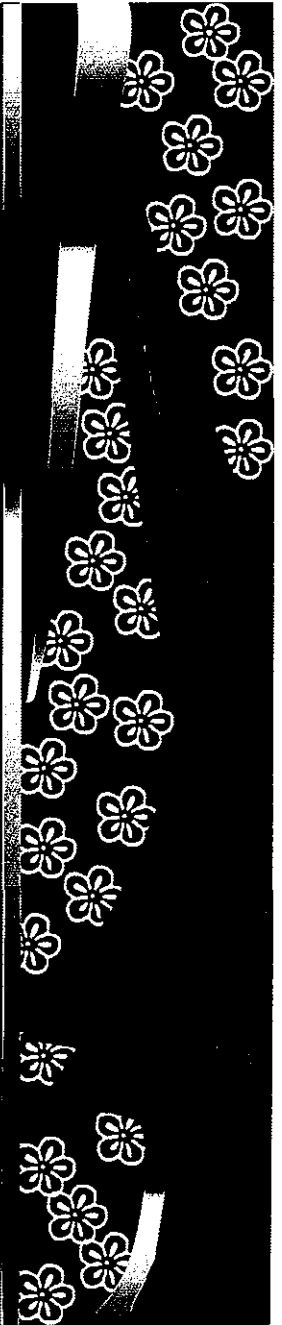
- President David Hall
- Justice Glen Martin
- Jim Murdoch SC
- Sandy Horneman Wren SC



The value of the states

□ AWU-Q:

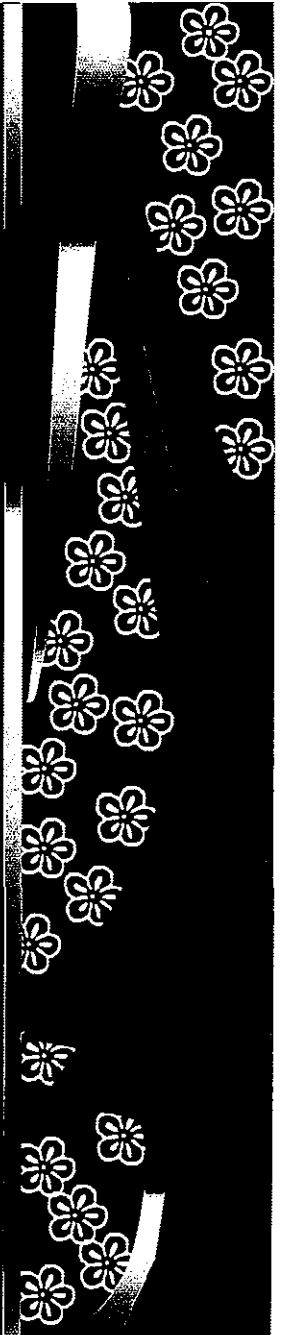
□ finances donated – for a Queensland purpose?



Problems with the national system



- Once powers are gone, hard to ever rebuild a system?
- No power of veto
- Problem with COAG - Anderson

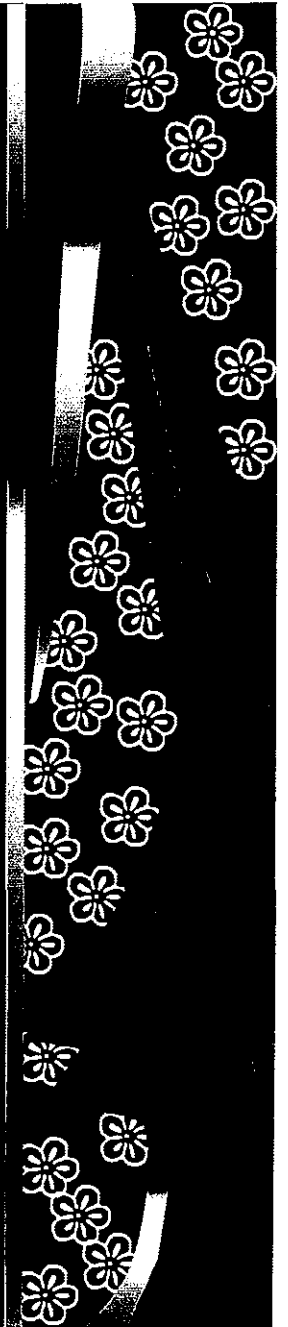


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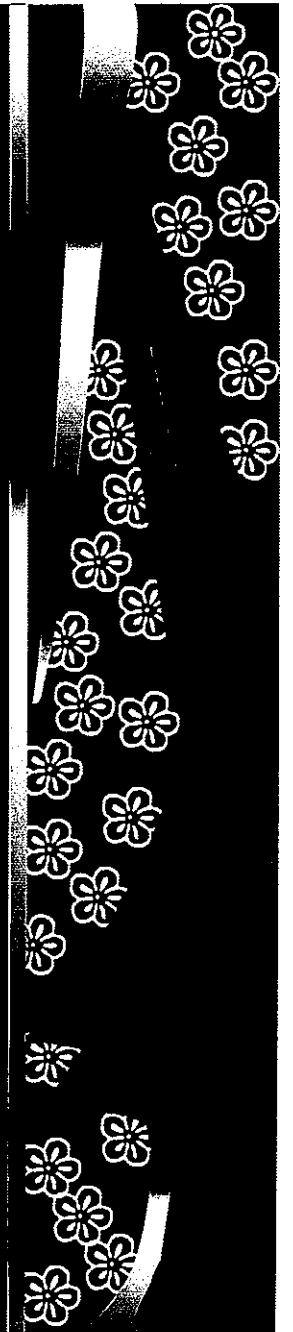
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Fixing the problem

- ❑ Richard Tracey and the drafting of trade union rules
- ❑ Union accountability and state interests
- ❑ My article in 2010 *Australian Bar Review*



Further considerations

- ❑ The Western Australian position – Premier Barnett
- ❑ NSW and rumblings about OHS – Premier Keneally

