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Civil contractors welcome legislation to restore civility to civil construction

The Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) strongly supports legislation introduced today by the Federal Government to place all branches of the Construction and General division of the CFMEU under administration.

CCF National CEO Nicholas Proud said the legislation is a crucial step towards addressing the deeply rooted issues within the construction industry, particularly the culture of intimidation and bullying that has been prevalent on civil construction sites across the country.

"This is a necessary and overdue measure to begin dismantling the toxic environment that has plagued our industry," Mr Proud said. "We urge all members of Parliament to back this legislation, as it lays the groundwork for significant, positive change in our worksites.

"The CCF also strongly supports the provisions within the legislation that grant administrators the authority to terminate employees involved in misconduct and to expel union members for up to five years. These measures are crucial steps in the right direction and could play a significant role in transforming the culture within the CFMEU.

"We are pleased that the legislation has coverage across all states and territories. As a national body with active branches in all states and territories, we know all too well that the CFMEU's culture of bullying and intimidation extends across all borders.

"Some of the footage of union thuggery received by CCF and forwarded to the FWC is disgusting and frankly hard to watch. It defies belief that this is taking place in Australia today, with intimidation and violence directed towards workers delivering critical community enabling infrastructure.

"The CCF has observed firsthand the negative impact of the CFMEU's tactics on civil construction sites, where bullying and intimidation have become far too common.

"These behaviors have not only undermined the integrity of our industry but have also created unsafe and hostile work environments for countless workers. It's time for a change, and this legislation is the starting point.

"Historic efforts to deregister construction unions have not effectively addressed these issues and we are hopeful that a lengthy period of administration will lead to a long-term cultural change within the union.

"The CCF believes that lasting change requires a focus on altering the culture and leadership within the industry, rather than merely dismantling organisations" Mr Proud said.

ABOUT CCF

The Civil Contractors Federation is the peak body and Fair Work Registered Organisation for Australia's civil construction industry. CCF represents 1200 civil construction companies employing more than 100,000



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