# **Summary of Changes**

Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)

Secure Jobs, Better Pay Bill: Key Changes at a Glance

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# Secure Jobs, Better Pay Bill Key Changes

**Note:** expected timeline of changes at 6 December 2022

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## **Key milestones**

# December 2022

**March 2023\*** 

**June 2023\*** 

December 2023\*



Sexual Harassment



- Prohibition of sexual harassment in connection with work
- Sexual harassment dispute resolution process



Bargaining
Disputes &
Industrial
Action



- Bargaining dispute provisions, including intractable bargaining declarations and workplace determinations
- Industrial action changes including in relation to protected industrial action



Bargaining & Enterprise Agreements

- Enterprise agreement termination (e.g. removal of employer unilateral termination)
- Simplified initiation of bargaining
- ROC and ABCC abolished
- · Zombie agreements sunset

- Expert Panels introduced
- Enterprise agreement approval
- Multi-employer bargaining including single interest and supported bargaining streams
- **Simplification / streamlining** of the BOOT



Other Changes

- Pay secrecy provisions in employment contracts void
- Advertising must reflect accurate pay
- Changes to objects of the FW Act



- Increase in small claims to \$100k\*
- Workplace right to make flexible working request and dispute resolution process
- Prohibition on fixed term employment contracts under certain circumstances

**Note:** Changes are estimated to occur in March, June or December 2023 on the basis that these periods reflect 3, 6 or 12 months after the Secure Jobs, Better Pay Bill receives Royal Assent. Small claims changes will take effect from July 2023.

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