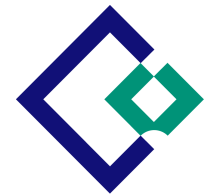


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## [Industry Skills Councils joint conference . Skills for Productivity Canberra ACT, 25 June 2013](http://gregmclean.blogspot.com.au/2013/06/industry-skills-councils-joint.html)

<http://gregmclean.blogspot.com.au/2013/06/industry-skills-councils-joint.html> Today I attended the Australia Industry Skills Councils (ISCs), joint meeting in Canberra , the industry Skills Councils have released the following media to bring attention to day and the release of their report " high quality skills development

[http://www.isc.org.au/pdf/VET\\_Quality\\_Report-final\\_draft\\_8\\_March\\_13.pdf](http://www.isc.org.au/pdf/VET_Quality_Report-final_draft_8_March_13.pdf) . Australia Industry Skills Councils (ISCs), together with key industry bodies gathered today at Parliament House in Canberra. The conference explored the critical skills challenges facing... [more »](#)

## [Standards Australia launch a new Australian Standard which will . for the first time . outline a consistent approach towards the classification of information relating to subsurface utilities.](http://www.standards.org.au/AnalyticsReports/130612%20Subsurface%20Utilities%20Information%20MR%20final.pdf)

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Standards Australia launched a new Australian Standard which will . for the first time . outline a consistent approach towards the classification of information relating to subsurface utilities. At present, the existence and location of subsurface utilities can be difficult to establish ... [more »](#)

## [Australian Unions launch campaign for a better life for workers and their families](http://www.actu.org.au/Media/Mediareleases/AustralianUnionslaunchcampaignforabetterlifeforworkersandtheirfamilies.aspx)

<http://www.actu.org.au/Media/Mediareleases/AustralianUnionslaunchcampaignforabetterlifeforworkersandtheirfamilies.aspx> Australian Unions have launched a campaign which highlights the increasing pressures many workers face from the demands of business, which are impacting their lives outside of work. Under the banner \*Australian Unions. Join. For a better life. \*unions will be highlighting the role they continue to play standing up for the basic rights at work that Australians have always enjoyed.

## [Unions win superannuation battle for more than 300,000 public sector workers](http://gregmclean.blogspot.com.au/2013/06/unions-win-superannuation-battle-for.html)

<http://gregmclean.blogspot.com.au/2013/06/unions-win-superannuation-battle-for.html> Unions NSW has applauded today's decision by the Industrial Relations Commission which guarantees public sector workers will not have superannuation increases absorbed into their basic wages. But the State's peak union council has called on the State Government to rule out thousands of job cuts to fund the superannuation increase. Unions NSW, and public sector unions took a joint application to the Commission to ensure public sector workers get both their pay rise and the quarter per cent superannuation... [more »](#) UPDATE: NSW Govt has blocked public servants access to super increase

<http://news.ninensn.com.au/national/2013/06/28/16/49/nsw-public-servant-wages-to-pay-for-super>

## [Standards Australia . The Sub surface mapping project has now been completed,](http://gregmclean.blogspot.com.au/2013/06/standards-australia-sub-surface-mapping.html)

<http://gregmclean.blogspot.com.au/2013/06/standards-australia-sub-surface-mapping.html> With Standards Australia presenting certificate of appreciation for the ASU assistance in completing of the project. As mentioned previously, this project covered the underground mapping of cables and pipes etc to build a national standard . this is an area ASU members work, with the ASU being known as the main union for Mapping and Geographical Officers and one we should feel proud to be involved in , there is no doubt that the project will increase the professional standards and recognition of... [more »](#)

[Electricity Network Regulation: release of inquiry report](#) The report into Electricity Network Regulation has been released by the Australian Government. It can be viewed at [www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/electricity/report](http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/electricity/report) .

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The Australian Government's response to our report has also been released and is available from the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism's website here: \* <http://www2.ret.gov.au/Department/responses/Pages/Responses.aspx>

\* The Commission wishes to thank all those who participated in the inquiry. Complimentary copies have been sent to all participants who made submissions and appeared at the public hearings, un... [more »](#)

### [Netherlands Members back new childcare agreement](#) \*Members back new childcare agreement\*

Workers in the childcare sector have given their backing to a new collective agreement that will run until 31 December 2014. The deal was a long time coming with the employers rejecting the last two agreements leaving the sector with an updated agreement for over 18 months. There will be increases of 1% from August this year and a further 1% from next February, with lump sums of " 200 in March 2014 and " 150 in September 2014. The end-of-year bonus will be abolished in 2014 replace by a general 2% wage incre... [more »](#)

[E-Oz Energy Skills Australia e-Bulletin June 20th, 2013](#) [http://www.e-oz.com.au/index.php/publications/publications/e-bulletin/25-e-bulletin/170-e-bulletin-20-6-13?utm\\_source=e-Bulletin&utm\\_campaign=59a5dfcd11-e-Bulletin+20th+June+2013&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_02419ee37a-59a5dfcd11-52484741](http://www.e-oz.com.au/index.php/publications/publications/e-bulletin/25-e-bulletin/170-e-bulletin-20-6-13?utm_source=e-Bulletin&utm_campaign=59a5dfcd11-e-Bulletin+20th+June+2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_02419ee37a-59a5dfcd11-52484741) e-Bulletin Quick Links Current Industry News New Reports & Presentations Upcoming Conferences ; Expos Managing Apprentice Progression Pilot Update E-Oz Managers' Reports Projects & Opportunities -- Current Industry News WorldSkills Australia News EcoGeneration e-News IEA Energy Journal Industry News AIRAH Update Gas To... [more »](#)

[Liberals support for referendum shatters](#) - <http://www.governmentnews.com.au/2013/06/19/article/Liberals-support-for-referendum-shatters/OVEKGZQLDW.html> - \*Government News has reported on a split in the Coalition over support for the Local Government Constitution Recognition with the above article , the below points are extracts from the article - the article is well worth reading .. \* \* \* " Bitter factional infighting has torn apart public Coalition support for a Constitutional change that would guarantee federal funds can flow directly to more than 500 local governments after key hard-right elements publicly railed against th... [more »](#)

[UNIONS NSW UPDATE](#) you're invited to participate in the following training courses and events, open to all and free of charge. We hope you find something of interest and welcome your feedback. \*Public Speaking\*: \*Saturday 15th June\* Learn techniques that will give you confidence when introducing yourself or delivering a persuasive speech. Register online here \*Public Sector Workers\*: \*Tuesday 18th June\* Join the community unions network to meet other workers confronted with the same challenges and discuss ideas for combined union activities. Details here\* Workers... [more »](#)

[Local Government sector told Commonwealth will provide additional \\$150 million for community infrastructure](#) Local Government sector told Commonwealth will provide additional \$150 million for community infrastructure 19 June, 2013 On day three of the 2013 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), Minister Anthony Albanese has announced a new round of community infrastructure funding of \$150 million in recognition that "local councils are better positioned than the Commonwealth to establish local priorities for community developments". "This funding is being provided under the two programs: the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) and the Livable ... [more »](#)

[PRIME MINISTER - MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - MINISTER FOR REGIONAL SERVICES, LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND TERRITORIES](#) \* 2013 NATIONAL AWARDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT\* The Prime Minister tonight announced the winners of the prestigious National Awards for Local Government. The awards were presented at the 4th Australian Council of Local Government in Canberra. the nation's largest annual gathering of mayors and shire presidents. The two award winners for 2013 are: ~ Dungog Shire, Maitland City Council and Port Stephens Council from New South Wales for their Safer Motorcycle Routes project. Together, the three Councils developed a safe system approach that would make motorcyclists' recreational rides... [more »](#)

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[Mayors team up to reject Local Government super Sydney proposal](#) Mayors of six council areas which the Independent Local Government Review Panel proposes to group together into a single super Sydney council area have put forward a joint submission calling for sensible, practical reform to local government in NSW, not simply mergers for the sake of mergers. The six councils . Botany Bay, City of Sydney, Leichhardt, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra presented the submission to Professor Graham Sansom at a recent meeting where he admitted the Panel had not done any cost-benefit analysis of the proposed mergers. We share a strong conviction that local... [more »](#)

[Last night, Federal Members of Parliament voted 134 to 2 to change the Constitution to recognise local government.](#) \*Joint Media Statement\* \*FEDERAL PARLIAMENT SAYS YES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT\* Last night, Federal Members of Parliament voted 134 to 2 to change the Constitution to recognise local government. This is a strong endorsement of the proposed amendment and reflects the bipartisan support the referendum has at the Federal level. The amendment would add 17 words to our almost 12,000-word long Constitution and alter Section 96 to read: 96 Financial assistance to States \*and local government bodies\* During a period of ten years after the establishment of the Commonwealth and thereafter unt...[more »](#)

[The 2013-14 State of the Regions Report - commissioned by the Australian Local Government Association \(ALGA\) and prepared by National Economics - raises concerns that some communities will become uninsurable against natural disasters because the cost of insurance is soaring in line with the increasing incidence of floods, fires and cyclones](#) Commonwealth needs to help communities mitigate against costly natural disasters 16 June, 2013 The Report, launched today, assesses the health of the national economy. It analyses government debt, household wealth, the risk of inefficient infrastructure investment in regional areas and includes a detailed assessment of the effects of the mining industry, concluding that there have been negative effects on areas outside Western Australia and parts of Queensland. The Report also provides comprehensive economic analysis of every local government area in Au... [more »](#)

[Prime Minister Julia Gillard has bluntly warned Australia's 560 councils and shires that the forthcoming referendum on Constitutional recognition for local government will be their final chance to guarantee direct funding for projects from Canberra.](#)

<http://www.governmentnews.com.au/2013/06/17/article/Gillard-warns-referendum-is-last-chance-for-councils/SYEREDSTTS.html> Speaking at the opening of the 2013 National General Assembly for Local Government in Canberra, Ms Gillard emphatically urged local governments to get stuck into grass roots campaigning in the electorate to persuade voters to vote yes rather than relying on general agreement between politicians to get a result over the line. full story at <http://www.governmentnews.com.au/2013/06/17/article/Gillard-warns-referendum-is-last-chance-for-councils/SYEREDSTTS.html>

[McKell Institute The Case for a National Portable Long Service Leave Scheme in Australia](#) [http://mckellinstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/McKell\\_Portable\\_LongService.pdf](http://mckellinstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/McKell_Portable_LongService.pdf) However, due to the changing nature of employment, Australian workers are more frequently changing jobs and careers. This has meant Long Service Leave in its current form has become inaccessible to the overwhelming majority of Australian workers

[Local government representatives to focus on regional development](#) [http://alga.asn.au/newsletter/newsletters\\_alganews14june2013#Article10357](http://alga.asn.au/newsletter/newsletters_alganews14june2013#Article10357) Every year, ALGA hosts a Regional Cooperation and Development Forum as a precursor to the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA). This year is no different, with more than 350 local government representatives and elected officials expected to gather in Canberra on Sunday, 16 June, for the 2013 event. The Forum is designed to encourage the sharing of ideas and opportunities through a mix of academic and practitioner insights. The Forum will hear from the Hon Catherine King, Co... [more »](#)

[Australia's Constitution must reflect our modern world](#) <http://ministers.regional.gov.au/honourable-anthony-albanese-mp/opinion-pieces/2013/australia%E2%80%99s-constitution-must-reflect-our-modern> by The

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Honourable Anthony Albanese MP \*Minister for Local Government \* If we are to celebrate the giants in Australian public life then Robert Garran must be among them. A lawyer and passionate advocate of Federation, Garran was one of several hands that drafted our Constitution. When the job was done and the Australian nation was born on 1 January 1901, Garran became our first public servant when he was appointed head of the Attorney General... [more »](#)

### [PSI welcomes the report by the ILO Committee on the Application of Standards, and the excellent work done by the Committee of Experts. We want to underline the importance of the ILO's supervisory mechanism and the role it plays in modernizing labour relations systems.](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/indah.budiarti> - PSI General Secretary, Rosa Pavanelli, speaking at the International Labour Conference on 6 June 2013, says, "PSI welcomes the report by the ILO Committee on the Application of Standards, and the excellent work done by the Committee of Experts. We want to underline the importance of the ILO's supervisory mechanism and the role it plays in modernizing labour relations systems. Download the full speech, please see: <http://tiny.cc/oef9xw> \*Speech by Rosa Pavanelli during ... [more »](#)

### [AFTINET report - 17th round of TPPA negotiations Peru May 13 -24: actions and outcomes](#)

\*17th round of TPPA negotiations Peru May 13 -24: actions and outcomes\* \*International Days of Action in May\* People on four continents took action leading up to the Lima negotiations, concentrated on World Fair Trade Day on May 11. In Australia there were protests in Sydney and Melbourne reported below. Educational events about the TPP took place in the United States in Minneapolis, Portland, Seattle, St Louis, Washington. Detroit, New York, Berkley, San Antonio, Chicago and Tampa. In Canada there was a community assembly in Toronto and a speakers tour throughout British Columbia. ...[more »](#)

### [AFTINET latest BULLETIN June 2013 issues include](#)

\*17th round of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPPA) negotiations in Peru : Actions and outcomes\* \*Opposition LNP Policy supports Investor rights to sue governments (ISDS)\* \*Digital coalition demands fair deal on TPPA copyright provisions\* \*Wall Street Attacks Finance Regulation through Trade Deals\* \*Obama's Covert Trade Deal : New York Times\* \*AFTINET Submission on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership\* \*\* \* \* \* \*advice from AFTINET [www.aftinet.org.au](http://www.aftinet.org.au) \* \* \* \* \*

### [E-Oz Energy Skills Australia e-Bulletin June 5th, 2013](#)

[http://www.e-oz.com.au/index.php/publications/publications/e-bulletin/25-e-bulletin/169-e-bulletin-5-6-13?utm\\_source=e-Bulletin&utm\\_campaign=242e38557b-e-](http://www.e-oz.com.au/index.php/publications/publications/e-bulletin/25-e-bulletin/169-e-bulletin-5-6-13?utm_source=e-Bulletin&utm_campaign=242e38557b-e-)

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### [ASU meets with the Minister for Early Childhood and Youth](#)

<http://www.asu.asn.au/news/categories/localgovt/130605-child-care> \*A briefing was given to the ASU today by the office of the Hon Peter Garrett AM, MP . Minister for Early Childhood and Youth.\* Greg McLean, Assistant National Secretary met with the Minister's office on current government funding for child care and the announcement earlier this week of a bill to establish the Early Years Quality Fund Account. The bill proposes to establish a special account to administer funding for the early childhood education sector and is before Parliament in June. The Fund will provide \$300 million... [more »](#)

### [Amendments made to driver medical standards relating to diabetes - NTC](#)

<http://www.ntc.gov.au/NewsDetail.aspx?NewsId=394> Recent amendments made to driver medical standards aim to ensure that the guidelines relating to satisfactory control of diabetes are clearly understood, according to the National Transport Commission (NTC). NTC Project Director, Dr Jeff Potter, said that the new wording clarifies the intent of the guidelines. The purpose of the guidelines surrounding a driver's satisfactory control of their diabetes is to indicate whether the driver needs further assessment to determine their fitness to drive, said Dr Potter. It is not an absolute... [more »](#)

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