

Media Release

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BOARD APPOINTED FOR THE PORTABLE LONG SERVICE AUTHORITY

The Andrews Labor Government has appointed Julius Roe as the Chair of the new Portable Long Service Benefits Authority, which is making long service benefits fairer for workers.

The authority is in charge of administering the long service leave benefits scheme, which gives hard-working Victorians the power to transfer their long service entitlements if they change jobs.

Under the laws – passed last year – those working in contract cleaning, security and community services are entitled to long service benefits after working in their industry for seven years, irrespective of the number of employers they work for over that time.

It comes after a parliamentary committee found that workers in these industries often did the same work, in the same place, for many years, without qualifying for long service entitlements.

Mr Roe is a highly experienced leader in industrial relations and was the Fair Work Commissioner from 2010 to 2017.

He will be joined on the board by Claire Filson, who has been appointed as Deputy Chair, along with board members Linda White, Julie Warren and Kate Marshall representing unions and workers, and Emma King, Tim Piper and Rachael Saunders representing employers and industry.

Mr Joseph Yeung was recently appointed to the role of Registrar and CEO of the authority and also brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organisation.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Industrial Relations Tim Pallas

“Long service leave benefits should meet the needs of modern workplaces – that’s why we changed the laws to make it fairer for some of our hardest working Victorians.”

“The Authority’s members each have exceptional experience and will provide fantastic leadership to the newly established Portable Long Service Authority.”

Quotes attributable to Portable Long Service Benefits Authority Chair Julius Roe

“I am delighted to have been appointed as the inaugural chair of the Portable Long Service Benefits Authority and look forward to leading the members of this highly experienced and skilled board.”

“We’ll work closely with industries and their employees as we introduce this important reform.”