

BARGAINING	Single enterprise	Single enterprise	Supported bargaining	Single interest	Cooperative workplace
STREAMS	agreement	agreement (greenfield)	agreement	employer agreement	agreement
Overview	Made by one or two or more of related employers who are employed at the time and who will be covered by the agreement.	Made by one or two or more of related employers and each relevant employee organisation that the agreement is expressed to cover in relation to a genuine new enterprise. Employers are related employers if engaged in a joint venture or common enterprise or related bodies corporate.	A type of multi-enterprise agreement where a supported bargaining authorisation was in operation. This type of multi-enterprise agreement replaces the low-paid bargaining stream. Supported bargaining agreements are made with support by the FWC, to assist employers and employees who have had difficulty bargaining at the single-enterprise level and other employees who face barriers to bargaining.	A type of multi-enterprise agreement where a single interest employer authorisation was in operation. A single-interest employer agreement may be made with multiple employers with common interests or that are franchisees.	A type of multi-enterprise agreement where there was no supported bargaining authorisation or single interest employer authorisation in operation in relation to the agreement immediately before the agreement was made. A cooperative workplace agreement covers multiple employers who have agreed to bargain together.
When does bargaining commence?	 When one of the following occurs: The employer agrees to bargain or initiates bargaining. A majority support determination comes into operation. 	When the employer, who is a bargaining representative, gives written notice to each employee organisation that is a bargaining representative for the agreement setting the starting date (of the sixth of	When the supported bargaining authorisation comes into operation. An application can be made by a bargaining representative or employee organisation that is entitled to	When the single-interest employer authorisation comes into operation. An application for a single-interest employer authorisation can be made by the employers or a by a bargaining	When a group of employers decide to bargain together.



	 A scope order comes into operation. A bargaining representative makes a request to bargain to the employer and the bargaining is for a single enterprise agreement to replace one that has passed its nominal expiry date within the past five years. 	the month) notified negotiation period.	represent the industrial interests of an employee in relation to work to be performed under the agreement. The FWC must be satisfied that it is appropriate for the employers and employees to bargain together, having regard to certain matters. The FWC must not make a supported bargaining authorisation if an application has been made and the Minister has made a declaration in respect of the industry, occupation, or sector in which the employees are employed.	representative of an employee who will be covered by the proposed agreement. The FWC must make the single-interest authorisation if satisfied that certain criteria are met, including that the employers are certain franchisees or have clearly identifiable common interests, and, if the latter the making the authorisation is not contrary to the public interest.	
Small business included?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Small businesses (less than 20 employees) only included by consent	Yes, provided they consent, as all employers must agree to participate in the cooperative workplaces stream.
Must an employee organisation be involved?	No	Yes	Yes. To make a supported bargaining authorisation the FWC must be satisfied	Yes. To make a single interest employer authorisation the FWC	Yes



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			that at least some	must be satisfied that at	
			employees who will be	least some employees	
			covered are represented	who will be covered are	
			by an employee	represented by an	
			organisation.	employee organisation.	
Protected industrial	Available. If a protected	Not available	Available. If a protected	Available. If a protected	Not available
action	action ballot order		action ballot order (PABO)	action ballot order (PABO)	
	(PABO) is made,		is made, conciliation by	is made, conciliation by	
	conciliation by the FWC is		the FWC is mandatory.	the FWC is mandatory.	
	mandatory.		120 hours' notice must be	120 hours' notice must be	
			given before taking	given before taking	
			protected industrial	protected industrial	
			action.	action.	
Bargaining orders	Available	Available, but only if the six-	Available	Available	Not available
		month notified negotiation			
		period has not ended.			
Bargaining disputes	A bargaining	A bargaining representative	A bargaining	A bargaining	A bargaining
	representative can apply	can apply for the FWC to	representative can apply	representative can apply	representative may only
	for the FWC to deal with	deal with a bargaining	for the FWC to deal with a	for the FWC to deal with a	apply for the FWC to deal
	a bargaining dispute.	dispute.	bargaining dispute.	bargaining dispute.	with a bargaining dispute
					if all the bargaining
					representatives for the
					proposed cooperative
					agreement have agreed
					to the making of the
					application.
Intractable bargaining	Available. The FWC must	Not available	Available. The FWC must	Available. The FWC must	
declarations	be satisfied that it has		be satisfied that it has	be satisfied that it has	
	dealt with the dispute		dealt with the dispute	dealt with the dispute	



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	under s. 240 and the		under s. 240 and the	under s. 240 and the	
	applicant participated in		applicant participated in	applicant participated in	
	the FWC processes to		the FWC processes to	the FWC processes to	
	deal with the dispute		deal with the dispute	deal with the dispute	
	there is no reasonable		there is no reasonable	there is no reasonable	
	prospect of agreement		prospect of agreement	prospect of agreement	
	being reached without		being reached without	being reached without	
	the declaration and it is		the declaration and it is	the declaration and it is	
	reasonable in all the		reasonable in all the	reasonable in all the	
	circumstances to make		circumstances to make	circumstances to make	
	the declaration taking		the declaration taking	the declaration taking	
	into account the views of		into account the views of	into account the views of	
	the bargaining agents.		the bargaining agents.	the bargaining agents.	
Variations to add	Not available	Not available	A supported bargaining	A single interest employer	
employers/employees			agreement can be varied	agreement can be varied	
. , , , ,			to cover additional	to cover additional	
			employers and employees	employers and employees	
			upon joint application by	upon joint application by	
			employers and employees	employers and employees	
			to be added, or an	to be added, or an	
			application by an	application by an	
			employee organisation	employee organisation	
			employee organisation entitled to represent the	employee organisation entitled to represent the	
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			entitled to represent the	entitled to represent the	
			entitled to represent the interests of the	entitled to represent the interests of the	



	The FWC must be	The FWC must be
	satisfied that a majority	satisfied that a majority of
	of the employees support	the employees support
	the variation.	the variation.