

# Letter to the Federated Ironworkers' Association

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## **Letter from Arthur Calwell to E. Thornton, Federated Ironworkers' Association, 20 June 1949.**

I am happy to be able to inform your  
Association that the necessary assurances have  
been given by the Broken Hill Proprietary  
Company Limited, which undertakes -

- i) not to engage any unnaturalised  
displaced person for its operating staff,  
ie to undertake work with tools on  
normal award classifications;
- ii) to employ displaced persons on jobs  
least attractive to Australian workers  
and to take advantage of the  
availability of displaced persons to  
effect desired transfers of Australian  
workers wherever possible and to give  
the benefit of 'pickings' wherever  
practicable;...

Signed: A.A.Calwell, Minister for Immigration.