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Natalie James **Fair Work Ombudsman**

Natalie James was appointed as the Fair Work Ombudsman from July 15 2013.

Prior to taking this position, she was the State Manager of the Victorian State Office of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) – the Australian government department responsible for early childhood care and development; early childhood and school education; increased employment and participation; safe, fair and productive workplaces; and an inclusive society. She held this position for 3 years.

Up until taking on that role, Natalie worked for ten years in Government in Workplace Relations, including in senior roles at the Fair Work Ombudsman and as Chief Counsel for Workplace Relations in DEEWR.

During her time at DEEWR, she oversaw the drafting of the Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Act 2005 and the Fair Work legislation.

Earlier, Natalie worked in a number of roles in Commonwealth Government, including in the Department of House of Representatives and at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

