



MEDIA STATEMENT

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**DAVID JONES REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR
OUTWORKER CODE OF PRACTICE**

Fair Wear has recently voiced a belief that David Jones Limited (David Jones) is not supportive of the work being undertaken in relation to alleged sweatshop practices in Australia's garment industry. Fair Wear's position on David Jones is inaccurate.

We clarify our position and action taken as follows:

1. David Jones is a signatory to the ARA/TCFUA Homeworker Code of Practice. We have publicly stated our support for the principle behind the work being undertaken to eradicate the use of under age and below award payment labour in the clothing industry. We continue to work closely with the Australian Retailers Association and its members regarding this issue.
2. Since 1999, as a function of the David Jones' supplier terms and conditions, we have required our vendors to "warrant that all labour engaged in the manufacture of goods has been engaged and remunerated in accordance with applicable laws, industrial awards and agreements", or in the case of imported goods, "in conditions at least as favourable as Australian award conditions applicable to the relevant tasks."
3. In March this year, David Jones communicated in writing with every supplier of apparel to the group advising them of our support for the principle behind the work being undertaken by Fair Wear and reminding them of their obligations under our supplier terms and conditions. In addition, our buyers remind our suppliers of these obligations during their regular meetings.
4. We communicated further with the suppliers of David Jones' branded apparel at the same time, requiring them to provide written assurance of their organisation's commitment to the principles behind the No Sweat campaign and their compliance with the conditions of our supply terms. . We also advised we would be making random visits to their manufacturing sites to observe conditions.
5. We have audited the responses to the communications with our suppliers and are about to commence random visits to their manufacturing sites.

David Jones' Stores Director Mr. Don Grover said today, " We have been working through this issue in a systematic and logical manner with our suppliers. We have indicated in writing our support for the principle behind the work being undertaken by Fair Wear and have encouraged a high level of awareness about this important issue among our suppliers."

" If it was brought to our attention that any of our suppliers were not abiding by our conditions in regards to award payment of labour we would communicate immediately and ask them to rectify this situation. If such action was not taken, we would not hesitate to cease dealing with that supplier," Mr. Grover said.

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