

CAI statement for ABC Radio National

Clubs Australia Industrial has canvassed opinion across the industry nationwide and has found significant support for the abolition of the Clubs Award.

According to the 2015 KPMG Club Census, approximately 40 per cent of clubs are showing signs of financial distress.

With that in mind, it is not fair to expect a regional bowling club to pay bar staff higher penalty rates than Sydney's Star Casino.

It should be pointed out that the decision to roll into the Hospitality Award would set a minimum rate of pay only. Therefore, if clubs can afford to pay their staff more, then they're entitled to do so – and many do.

The application is all about providing struggling clubs with a level playing field so that they can compete with similar hospitality venues on comparable terms.

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