

Have your Say – Non-Payment in the Construction Industry

Are you a construction worker who hasn't been paid for your work?

Non-payment is a frequent issue among subcontractors that has serious impacts. Now, the Victorian government is committed to implementing change and wants to hear your experiences and recommendations.

This is an important opportunity for us to seek to change Government policy and legislation by making submissions on how common the issue of non-payment in the construction industry is and recommendations to ensure participants in the construction industry are paid.

Who are we?

We are a group of organisations who deal with matters related to non-payment of subcontractors and are advocating reform of the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002 (VIC) (SOPA)

Current Supporters

Level Playing Field Lawyers



Christie Jones (Victorian Barrister with specialist expertise in claims under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002 (VIC))



Structural Steel Fabricators Victoria (SSFV)



Crane Industry Council of Australia (CICA)



Australian Flooring and Timber Association



How can you contribute?

- Fill out the template case submission regarding your experience with non-payment and email to info@levelplayingfield.com.au; or
- Call our office on 03 9041 4674 and make an appointment for someone to take down your story;
- Share this link with other construction subcontractors;
- Donate your time or provide a monetary contribution.

What is our proposal to address non-payment?

1. Implementation of statutory trust accounts to protect subcontractors against insolvency;
2. Simplified reference dates – so that they arise expressly once a month and post-termination;
3. Changes to definitions, including a change to the definition of work so that retention money can be recovered;
4. Changes to ensure disputed variations are easier to recover;
5. Changes to the definition of 'Excluded Amounts'

**If you would like to be involved, contact us by emailing info@levelplayingfield.com.au
The submissions closing date is Friday 19 May 2023.**