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## ACTU farewells Michael Borowick

The peak body for working people has bid farewell to one of its leadership team as Assistant Secretary Michael Borowick steps down after eight years.

After being elected to the position in 2010, Michael oversaw the OHS and workers compensation portfolios for the organisation, helping ensure all workers had access to safe and healthy workplaces.

He began his working life as an electrician, starting in the building and construction industry. Michael was an officer of the Australian Workers Union for 20 years, rising to the position of Victorian assistant secretary.

Michael has led major pieces of work to improve workers access to Comcare, community awareness of workplace safety, the increased understanding of mental health as a workplace issue and the impacts of offshore and FiFo work on employees health and wellbeing.

Michael has had a strong focus on defeating the scourge of asbestos working both in Australia and abroad to ensure that life threatening substance is not present in workplaces, homes or our community.

As ACTU Assistant Secretary, Michael represented working people as a director of HESTA, as a member of the National Workplace Relations Consultative Council, Safe Work Australia, Defence Reserves Support Council, and the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council.

His successor will be elected by the ACTU Executive.

### **Quotes attributable to ACTU Assistant Secretary Michael Borowick:**

“It has been an honour to serve working people as the ACTU Assistant Secretary for the last eight years. I am proud of the work that we have done in the OHS and workers compensation areas.

“I wish the other officers and staff of the ACTU and its affiliates the best as they continue this work.”

### **Quotes attributable to ACTU Secretary Sally McManus:**

“On behalf of our movement and working people’s unions across our country, I thank Michael for his work over the last eight years.

“Michael’s service to working people and to our movement, especially in the workplace safety space, has been tireless.

“Affiliated unions will elect a new ACTU Assistant Secretary at the next meeting of the ACTU executive.”

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