AACA = Architects Accreditation Council of Australia. The AACA is made up of the Registration Board of each state.

ARBV = Architect's Registration Board of Victoria. Each state has one.

AIA = Australian Institute of Architects. A professional institute for architects, graduates, students and affiliates in Australia.

ACA = Association of Consulting Architects. Represents employers in industrial matters (e.g. negotiating award wages). ACA is a registered organisation under the Fair Work Registered Organisations Act.

PAA = Professional Architects Australia. This is our union, which represents architectural workers in industrial matters. Members can join to negotiate Bargaining Agreements with their employers. If you are a chapter of Professionals Australia, a union for professionals in many industries. Professional Australia is a registered business name of the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia (APESMA), which is a registered organisation under the Fair Work Registered Organisations Act.

NTEU = National Tertiary Education Union. This is the union for people working at universities. It is a registered organisation under the Fair Work Registered Organisations Act.


Fair Work Commission = Government organisation. The Commission is the independent national workplace relations tribunal. It is responsible for maintaining a safety net of minimum wages and employment conditions, as well as a range of other workplace functions and regulations.

Fair Work Ombudsman = Government organisation. Enforces compliance with the Fair Work Act 2009, related legislation, awards and registered agreements. Helps employers and employees by providing advice and education on pay rates and workplace conditions.