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HISTORICAL NOTE	In 1985 the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission began hearing the case for deregistration of the Australian Building Construction Employees and Builders Labourers' Federation (BLF). The case commenced with an Application pursuant to the Building Industry Act of 1985 by the Australian Government solicitor in September 1985. It finished in April 1986 with the decision of the Full Bench which allowed the deregistration. There had been several previous attempts to rein in the activities of the BLF by both State and Federal Governments, including corruption charges against its most famous official, Norm Gallagher. For events surrounding this case see the Brian Boyd Collection.
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DESCRIPTION	Transcripts of proceedings in C. No. 1852 of 1985; Index to case; summary of Minister's case against BLF; Application of Australian Government Solicitor, September 1985; Dept. of Employment and Industrial Relations background notes on BLF; Statement, Declaration and Decision of Full Bench, 4 April 1986.
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AUSTRALIAN CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION COMMISSION:
TRANSCRIPT OF ABCE&BLF DEREGISTRATION PROCEEDINGS -
C. NO. 1852 OF 1985

PROVENANCE NOTE: Deregistration proceedings against the ABCE&BLF officially commenced in September 1985 with an Application pursuant to the Building Industry Act 1985 by the Australian Government Solicitor to the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. Proceedings officially closed on 4 April 1986 with the decision of the Full Bench of the ACAC.

There had nevertheless been several previous attempts by both State and Federal Governments to rein in the activities of the BLF, as well as corruption charges against its most famous official, Norm Gallagher. Action continued against the Union as a consequence of the ACAC decision.

The Transcript contained in this collection is of the official case to determine whether the BLF should be deregistered. For the broader events leading up to this case and following it, researchers should consult the Brian Boyd Collection held by University of Melbourne Archives.

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1		<p>Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, C No. 1852 of 1985:</p> <p><u>The Minister of State for Employment and Industrial Relations</u> and <u>The Australian Building Construction Employees and Builders Labourers Federation</u></p> <p>Application by the Minister of State for Employment and Industrial Relations, pursuant to section 4 of the Building Industry Act 1985 for a declaration</p> <p><u>Mr Justice Ludeke</u> <u>Mr Justice Alley</u> <u>Mr Commissioner Maher</u></p> <p>Transcript of Proceedings:</p>
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3		BLF Deregistration proceedings: summary of Minister's case [Originally in one set; now in three files]
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4		Australian Government Solicitor, Victoria, Application pursuant to Building Industry Act 1985
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- 5/1 The Building Industry and the Builders Labourers' Federation: Background Notes 1976-1985, Prepared by Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, July 1985. Includes a time line: Builders' Labourers' Federation - Recent History, no date, no author.
- 6 **Decision of ACAC on the BLF Deregistration, 4 April 1986.**
- 6/1 Statement by the Full Bench, 4 April 1986 (two copies).
- 6/2 Declaration of the ACAC pursuant to Section 4 of the Building Industry Act 1985 in the matter of the Australian Building Construction Employees' and Builders Labourers' Federation, C. No. 1852 of 1985 (two copies). 4 April 1986.
- 6/3 Decision of the ACAC pursuant to Section 4 of the Building Industry Act 1985 in the matter of the Australian Building Construction Employees' and Builders Labourers' Federation, C. No. 1852 of 1985 (two copies). 4 April 1986.

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