**Assignment Topic**

You have been working as a Research Fellow for one of Australia's newest labour unions, the Australian Hipster Union (AHU).  The CEO of this union, Mr Soli Darity, has asked you to undertake some research on trends in union membership in Australia.  Darity has just returned from a meeting of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU), where he learned that Union membership in Australia has declined dramatically over the last 40 years.

Darity has asked you to explore this decline in union membership in Australia, and provide him with a 2000 word report.  In particular, he has asked you to:

* outline the magnitude of the decline in union membership in Australia over the last 40 years
* explore the academic research and and commentaries to outline the antecedents (or causes)and consequences of this decline in trade union membership  .

**Resources**

Make sure you cite and correctly reference your sources, using the [Academy of Management referencing style](https://lms.latrobe.edu.au/mod/url/view.php?id=3904264).

**Textbook**

Abbott, K., Hearn MacKinnon, B. and Fallon, P. 2017. Understanding Employment Relations.  Cengage: Melbourne.