

# GROCON BOSS TO KEEP THE PEACE

**NEW** Grocon chief Carolyn Viney has set her sights on improving the troubled relationship between the developer and unions.

However, Ms Viney said she would not allow anyone to intimidate the company's employees or engage in unlawful practices.

"If there is an opportunity with the change of guard ... for us to find a more harmonious way to deal between Grocon and (the) Construction, Forestry, Mining and Electrical Union, then we will be exploring that," Ms Viney said.

Grocon and the CFMEU have a long history of bitter disputes, with the union staging a blockade of the construction giant's Emporium site in Lonsdale St in 2012.

On Monday, Ms Viney became the first person from outside the Grollo family to become chief executive of the Melbourne-based company, which is Australia's biggest

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private developer.

She has taken over from family scion Daniel Grollo. Mr Grollo is now executive chairman.

"Daniel and I both have different styles and we will both acknowledge my style is different than his," she said.

Ms Viney, previously Grocon's deputy chief executive, told *BusinessDaily* she wanted to see more women in the industry, including on construction sites.

Grocon, she said, was already making strides in addressing the gender imbalance by sponsoring women for executive roles but more had to be done.

Talking about her vision for Melbourne, Ms Viney said the city needed to embrace the idea of high-density living, especially in inner-eastern suburbs, such as Camberwell.



Carolyn Viney has been promoted to chief executive of Grocon. Picture: MIKE KEATING