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The Hon. Justice IJK Ross
Fair Work Commission
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Dear Justice Ross,

Re. AM2014/1 and others - 4 yearly review of modern awards - Award stage - Substantive issues

We refer to a statement ([2018] FWC 7869) (**Statement**) issued by the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) on 24 December 2018 regarding the above. The Statement is accompanied by a provisional timetable for 2019 concerning substantive variations sought by interested parties to various modern awards.

At paragraph [10] of the Statement, the Commission indicated that interested parties have an opportunity to comment in writing on the provisional timetable. The Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**) has a significant interest in many of the matters identified in the timetable and we thank the Commission for granting us the opportunity to comment on it.

The Statement at paragraph [9] indicates that programming mentions will be scheduled prior to directions being issued in relation to the awards listed at paragraph [8] of the Statement. Ai Group respectfully considers that providing interested parties with an opportunity to be heard prior to issuing directions is prudent, as it will enable parties to ventilate specific issues relevant to the programming of the matter. Such issues may include the ability of interested parties to resource the relevant matter in light of the manner in which other award review proceedings in which they are also involved, are unfolding.

In light of the course of action proposed by the Commission at paragraph [9] of the Statement, we do not seek to make any further comment in relation to the provisional timetable at this stage, other than to note that:

1. The program in relation to AM2018/14 Air Pilots Award 2010 is marked in the provisional timetable on a tentative basis; however, final directions in relation to that matter were issued on 18 December 2018.
2. At the time that the Statement was issued, AM2017/50 Hair and Beauty Industry Award 2010 was reserved for decision, as indicated at paragraph [5] of the Statement. Since that time, the Commission has issued its decision, which includes a further timetable for the filing of submissions ([2018] FWCFB 7874 at [65] – [68]). The Full Bench has indicated that interested parties may request an oral hearing however if no such request is received, the matter will be determined on the papers. We respectfully suggest that this matter should be added to the 2019 timetable.



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Yours sincerely,

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