

Submission to the Fair Work Commission: Applications for orders filed by AED Legal Centre for the production of documents - AM2014/286.

NDS has received advice from the Fair Work Commission in respect of the application for draft orders from AED Legal Centre in matter AM2014/286, review of the SES Award 2010. We note that the Commission invites the parties to provide any views, including any opposition in relation to the applications by not later than close of business Thursday 7 September 2017.

NDS strongly objects to the short time frame provided by the Commission for parties to respond to the application. In addition, the application seeks detailed information from NDS members that in many cases is either already publicly available, or relates to wage assessment tools identified in the SES Award that are no longer in use.

We request an extension to the deadline identified above and should be able to provide a summary of responses to the Commission by 5:00pm, 15 September.

The consultation process with our members is underway and NDS trusts that the Commission will consider this request in order to ensure procedural fairness.

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