From: Chambers - Ross J

Sent: Thursday, 27 April 2017 12:34 PM

To: Sophie Ismail

Subject: RE: AM2015/2 - Family Friendly Work Arrangements - ACTU material

Dear Ms Ismail

I refer to your correspondence below and confirm that the ACTU's extension request has been granted.

In accordance with item 1 of the <u>Directions</u> issued by Vice President Watson on 22 December 2016, the ACTU shall file submissions and any witness statements or documentary evidence it seeks to rely upon by **4:00 pm Friday 5 May 2017.**

I also note that Justice Ross issued a <u>Statement</u> in respect of the above matter, and others, on 18 April 2017. I refer you to paragraph [3] of the Statement which directs interested parties to file submissions confirming whether they continue to pursue their claims by **4:00 pm Friday 5 May 2017**. Submissions should also include comment on how the matter should proceed.

Kind regards

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From: Sophie Ismail [mailto:sismail@actu.org.au]

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Dear Associate,

We write to advise that despite best efforts, the ACTU will not be in a position to finalise its witness statements and submissions in this matter by 24 April. This is largely due to the unavailability of some witnesses over the Easter/ANZAC Day holiday period. The ACTU expects that approximately 1-2 additional weeks will be required, but we will confirm this as soon as possible.

The ACTU respectfully submits that a delay of this nature is unlikely to cause the employer parties' prejudice, as the hearing is not listed until 10 October and the employer parties have until 25 August (on the current timetable) to consider and respond to the ACTU's case. We note that any request for an equivalent extension by the employer parties would not be opposed by the ACTU.

We have addressed this correspondence to the President in the absence of a Full Bench to consider amendments to directions at this time. The employer parties are copied.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie

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