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Vice President Catanzariti
Fair Work Commission
80 William Street
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By email: chambers.catanzariti.vp@fwc.gov.au

Dear Vice President,

Re. AM2016/31 Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010

We refer to the above matter and the directions issued by the Commission on 21 December 2017.

In our [reply submission of 8 June 2017](#), we expressed opposition to APESMA's claim for translators and interpreters to be covered by the *Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010 (Health Award)* on an occupational basis. We maintain this opposition.

In principle, Ai Group does not oppose translators and interpreters who carry out work in the health industry being covered by the Health Award, provided that the wages and conditions are appropriate. However, we oppose the concept of translators and interpreters who work outside the health industry being covered by the Health Award for the reasons set out in our submission of 8 June 2017.

Our opposition applies equally to occupational coverage under the health professionals stream or the support services stream of the Health Award. We are concerned about the precedent that this might set and the many other applications to the Commission that could be made by unions in the future relating to occupational award coverage of numerous classifications that are found in both the health industry and other industries.

Due to conflicting commitments, Ai Group is unable to attend the Conciliation Conference listed for 15 March 2018. We apologise for this and we seek to rely on our written submissions in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Smith'.

Stephen Smith
Head of National Workplace Relations Policy