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Justice Hatcher, President
Fair Work Commission
80 William Street
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By email: chambers.hatcher.j@fwc.gov.au

Dear Justice Hatcher,

Re. B2023/538 Application for a supported bargaining authorisation – Request for extension of time

We refer to the above matter and directions issued by the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) on 14 June 2023. The directions stipulate that:

- (a) The applicants and respondents in the matter were to file and serve written submissions, any evidence and agreed statement of facts by 4.00pm on Friday, 28 July 2023.
- (b) Peak councils, including the Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**), may file submissions in relation to certain matters by 4.00pm on Friday, 4 August 2023.

As at the time of writing, we do not appear to have been served with the material filed by any of the applicants or respondents in this matter. Further, the vast majority of the material is not available on the Commission's website (including the material filed by the unions and the Australian Childcare Alliance Employers). Upon request, we were provided with copies of the material by Your Honour's chambers today at approximately 5.00pm.

Given the nature and volume of the material filed, we will not be in a position to complete the preparation of our submissions within the period of time remaining until the aforementioned deadline. Accordingly, we respectfully request an extension to file our submissions until 5.00pm on Monday, 7 August 2023. In making this request we note that:

- (a) We have not yet had an opportunity to review and all consider all of the material filed by the other parties. Once we have done so, we may seek a further extension of time, if required.
- (b) Our ability to prepare our submissions in this matter will be further affected by our involvement in AM2022/35, Which is listed for hearing before the Commission on 3 – 4 August 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Bhatt
Principal Advocate

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Dear Associates,

Please find **attached** our correspondence in relation to the above matter.

Yours sincerely,

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