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Dear Sophie and Ruchi,

Further to your correspondence below, I advise that the Full Bench has granted the extension until COB 27 November, however, the programing for the hearing will proceed as timetabled.

Your correspondence and this reply will be posted to the AMOD website.

Kind regards

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Dear Associate,  
We refer to the correspondence below.

The Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**) does not oppose the request made, however we note that this matter is listed for mention before Deputy President Gooley at 10am on 28 November 2017. The notice of listing issued indicates that parties “must be in a position to inform the Commission of the witnesses required for cross-examination, and an estimate of the length of time required for cross-examination” during those proceedings.

If the ACTU is granted the extension sought, we note that respondent parties will have a very limited opportunity to read and consider the material filed and as a result, we foreshadow that Ai Group may not be in a position to identify which of the ACTU’s witnesses it requires for cross examination and/or provide an estimate of the length of time required during the aforementioned proceedings.

Regards,  
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Dear Associate,

We refer to the above matter and the ACTU's reply submissions, which on the current timetable are due by close of business today.

The ACTU will regrettably not be in a position to file material by today's deadline. This is primarily because one of the ACTU's expert witnesses, Siobhan Austen, is overseas for work until 27 November. She is occasionally able to check emails but communication is difficult. This clash has arisen in part because of the extension for reply material requested by the employer parties, which the ACTU did not oppose.

In the circumstances, we respectfully request an extension until close of business on 27 November for our reply. We have flagged this request with the employer parties. As there will still be over two weeks until the commencement of the hearing, we submit that the employers will not be unduly inconvenienced.

We thank the Full-Bench for their consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

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