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Subject: Clerks - Private Sector Award 2020 (AM2020/98) Joint proposal from the parties

Dear Associate

We write in relation to the conference scheduled for 2pm tomorrow in relation to proposed variations to the *Clerks – Private Sector Award 2020 (AM2020/98)*.

In the period since the matter was last before the Commission productive discussions have been held between the Ai Group, ACCI, ASU and the ACTU regarding variations to the award to address working from home arrangements and other matters related to the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The parties have undertaken to exchange further material in light of the progress made and to hold further discussions next week. There is a shared view that there is scope to potentially reach agreement on some important variations to the award.

Given the circumstances, the parties jointly propose that the proceedings tomorrow be vacated and relisted at a later point to enable such discussions to be further progressed before directions are issued. Having regard to the proposed timeframe for such discussions and the availability of the parties, we request that this occur on 17 December 2020 if this can be accommodated by the Commission.

Importantly, this request is made on the understanding that it will enable the parties to reach a more certain position as to the range of matters that they will pursue in the proceedings prior to any directions being set.

The parties also foreshadow that we may seek the assistance of the Commission in conciliating this matter pending the outcome of our discussions next week. The parties will advise the Commission of any such request as soon as possible.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of this request.

Regards

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