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Subject: AM2014/285 Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010 - extension of time

Dear Associate

I write on behalf of National Disability Services (NDS) in relation to correspondence from Ai Group and other employer parties seeking an extension of time for the filing of material.

I can confirm that NDS supports the request for an extension of time and we agree with the points made by the other employer parties in their correspondence. It is apparent that aspects of the decision will have a significant impact on the operations of a number of employers. There is some complexity associated with assessing options for award variations arising from the decision, and options for how rostering and other arrangements may need to be modified by employers. An extension of time will assist us to develop submissions on those aspects of the decision.

Furthermore, in the current environment where there are some significant changes to NDIS proposed by Government, together with Covid related issues for the disability sector arising from the Victorian lockdown, and ongoing proceedings in the Disability Royal Commission, an extension of time will also assist us to marshal our resources to engage effectively with Government and funding bodies and better inform our submissions regarding transitional arrangements and operative dates.

regards

Michael Pegg

On behalf of NDS