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Subject: RE: AM2018/26 Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010 - extension request

Dear Ms Bhatt,

Justice Ross has granted your extension request to **4:00pm on 16 September 2019**.

Amended Directions will be published shortly.

Thank you, Tahleah.

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The Fair Work Commission acknowledges that our business is conducted on the traditional lands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We acknowledge their continuing connection to country and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

From: Ruchi Bhatt <Ruchi.Bhatt@aigroup.com.au>
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Dear Associate,

We refer to the above matter.

By virtue of amended directions issued by the Fair Work Commission on 2 September 2019, interested parties opposing the unions' claims concerning 'travel time' are to file submissions in reply by 4pm on 13 September 2019. Unfortunately, the Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**) will not be in a position to file its submission in accordance with the directions and respectfully requests that it be granted an extension of time to do so until close of business on **Monday, 16 September 2019**.

Various claims being pursued by interested parties in these proceedings have been the subject of detailed discussions between the parties during conciliation conferences before the Commission on 15 August, 29 August and 10 September 2019. Ai Group has dedicated significant resources to the conciliation process, including engaging with those we represent and other employer representatives about various possible compromise positions, in addition to our attendance and participation in the proceedings. Issues associated with the unions' travel time

claims were also canvassed during those discussions; however an agreed position has regrettably not been reached between the parties.

Our request for an extension of time is made on the following bases:

- (a) To the extent that we have devoted resources to the conciliation process, this has necessarily hampered our ability to prepare our material in opposition to the travel time claims.
- (b) It was not apparent until the conclusion of the proceedings on 10 September that the parties would not be able to reach agreement in relation to the travel time claims.
- (c) Ai Group has been and is involved in a number of other award review proceedings, including, for example:
 - (i) AM2017/40 Penalty Rates – Hair and Beauty Industry Award 2010; and
 - (ii) Reviewing and preparing submissions in relation to several 'tranche 1' exposure drafts.

Given the short extension sought, we do not anticipate that the grant of the extension would prejudice the relevant unions.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,

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