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**By email: [chambers.hatcher.vp@fwc.gov.au](mailto:chambers.hatcher.vp@fwc.gov.au)**

Dear Associate,

**Re: C2013/5139 Application by United Voice and the Australian Education Union for an Equal Remuneration Order**

We refer to the above proceedings and the recent Full Bench decision of *Application by United Voice, Australian Education Union and Independent Education Union of Australia for an Equal Remuneration Order* [2017] FWCFB 2690 (the **decision**).

We have given consideration to the proposed preliminary question as outlined at paragraph [25] of the decision.

We note that the proposed question refers to the Commission being 'satisfied conclusively'. We do not read that phrase as intending to apply or require a higher standard of proof or persuasion than that which normally applies in the Commission. On that basis United Voice and the Australian Education Union advise that they wish to proceed with the preliminary hearing on the question proposed by the Full Bench in the decision.

We request that the Commission list the matter for a Directions Hearing at its earliest convenience. Prior to that hearing, we will seek to formulate consent directions with the other parties to put before the Commission.

We understand that a copy of this correspondence will be published on the Fair Work Commission's website. We confirm that we will also forward it to the other parties involved in the application.

Should you wish to discuss the foregoing, please contact Ben Redford on (03) 9235 7724 or by email on [ben.redford@unitedvoice.org.au](mailto:ben.redford@unitedvoice.org.au)

Yours sincerely,

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