

22 May 2020

Justice IJK Ross AO
President Fair Work Commission
Level 4, 11 Exhibition Street
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By email: Chambers.Ross.j@fwc.gov.au

Dear President

RE: AM2020/12 – VARIATION OF AWARDS ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE COMMISSION ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC AND COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTING AWARD 2010. Proposed COVID-19 Response Schedule

I refer to my correspondence of 1 May 2020 in which I reported on discussions NECA had had with the ETU about attaching a Schedule to the Award allowing award flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic

Further Discussions have occurred between officers of NECA and of the National office of the ETU on 15 and 22 May 2020 with a view to arriving at a consent position on the Schedule. However, no final agreement has been reached.

In view of the above, we respectfully seek that the Commission urgently issue directions setting down a date and time for a conference facilitated by the Commission. NECA's preference is to have the matter dealt with swiftly and can be available to attend later this week if that timeframe were convenient to the Commission.

Pending the issuing of such directions, if the Commission pleases, the parties could provide any necessary materials that will assist the facilitation of discussions during the conference.

If there are any further queries regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact Gordon Jervis– gordon.jervis@neca.asn.au.

Yours sincerely



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