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Fair Work Commission
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ATTENTION: Fair Work Commission
OUR REF: RR\03042020

Dear Sir\Madam,

Submission to matter AM2020/12

Rosenlund makes a submission opposing the provisional views set out in the variation of awards on the initiative of the Commission (AM2020/12). Rosenlund notes the commission has expressed in its view that Construction Awards be excluded from phase one due to the basis of Professor Borland's report on the construction section not being currently adversely impacted and unlikely to be adversely affected in the short term. Rosenlund wishes to make the commissioner aware of the current adverse impacts on the construction sector and our outlook on the short-term impacts.

The impacts of COVID-19 across the construction sites Rosenlund are currently undertaking work has been impacted as significantly as any other industry that the commission is including in Phase one. There are substantial and severe impacts on the supply-chains that feed the construction industry resulting in a foreseeable decline in construction activity once the materials currently available cannot be replenished.

Rosenlund undertakes hazardous asbestos removal activities, the PPE required to undertake these activities is currently in extremely high demand resulting in delays to these works which have a flow on effect to other areas of the construction site. Asbestos removal requires half-face disposable or cartridge type particulate respirators, as well as disposable clothing to prevent contamination. These items are currently not available from the regular suppliers and are foreseeably going to be unavailable for the short term. This severe impact to the supply chain has resulted in limited to the type and scope of work Rosenlund can undertake.

There are impacts onsite due to social distancing that result in a general loss of productivity such as limits on the amount of people in lifts & hoists and spatial limits to working areas. There are also substantial additional costs to comply with health regulations to ensure a safe environment such as extra cleaning staff and additional compliance measures.

It is the view that the report from Professor Borland erred in its view that the Construction sector's only impact would be subject to *possible supply claim impacts*. These supply chain impacts are occurring today and are going to be affecting every construction sector in the short term.

Should you have any questions or we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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