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Subject: AM2020/22 - Vehicle Award

Importance: High

Dear Parties,

Further to the hearing this morning, the Full Bench wish to raise a minor drafting issue with all parties.

Clause J.1(d) currently provides:

‘Schedule J does not apply to any employee employed by an employer who qualifies for the JobKeeper Scheme if the employee is eligible to receive ‘JobKeeper’ payments pursuant to the *Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020*.’

Employees do not receive JobKeeper payments. They receive the benefit of Jobkeeper payments, but Jobkeeper payments are made to the employer.

Employees can be ‘eligible employees’ as defined under s.9 of the *Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Rules 2020*, in which case their employer can claim the jobkeeper payment for the employee. To receive the benefit of a jobkeeper payment, the employee would need to be an ‘eligible employee’, and employed by an employer that decides to participate in the jobkeeper scheme. An employee could be an ‘eligible employee’, but be employed by an employer that decides not to participate in the jobkeeper scheme.

Assuming that clause J.1(d) intends to capture eligible employees, it is proposed that the clause be amended as follows:

‘ Schedule J does not apply to any employee employed by an employer ~~who~~ that qualifies for the JobKeeper Scheme if the employee is ~~eligible to receive ‘JobKeeper’ payments pursuant to the *Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020*~~ an eligible employee as defined in s.9 of the *Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Rules 2020*.’

In order to finalise this matter quickly, you are requested to provide any comment on the proposed clause by **3pm today**. All comments to chambers.ross.j@fwc.gov.au.

Kind regards,

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