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Subject: (AM2021/86) COVID-19 Award Flexibility – Schedule X - Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers Award 2020 - [2021] FWC 6606

Dear Associate,

We refer to the statement issued on 14 December 2021, and specifically to paragraph [6] which indicates that among six awards in which applications have not been received to extend Schedule X, is the Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers Award 2020.

The National Fire Industry Association:

- Supports, and to the extent necessary, proposes / seeks the inclusion / retention of Schedule X in the Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers Award 2020 based on the reasons being advanced in relation to the majority of modern awards where this is under consideration.
- Would be able to assist the Commission in relation to the lodgement of an application, if necessary, but notes that the Fair Work Commission may act of its own motion in varying a modern award (s 157(3) of the Fair Work Act) and is not in any event bound by the terms of an application when deciding a matter (s 599).
- Supports and adopts the submissions of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and industry (ACCI) in relation to this matter, which are to be lodged today.

Kind regards,

Office of the National Fire Industry Association