

**Tony Sheldon** National Secretary

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Senior Deputy President Harrison  
Fair Work Commission  
80 William Street  
EAST SYDNEY NSW

**BY EMAIL:** amod@fwc.gov.au

Dear Senior Deputy President Harrison,

**AM2014/211: 4 yearly review of modern awards – Road Transport (Long Distance Operations) Award 2010 (MA000039)**

We refer to the conference held on 27 March 2015 in relation to the above Award. The TWU was to advise whether a number of variation proposals as sought by the TWU were being pressed. Referring to the items contained in the post-conference variation proposals document of 27 March, the TWU advises as follows:

Item 18 – Clause 3.1 – Definitions and interpretations

The TWU presses the variation to the definition of “long distance operation” in accordance with the draft clause in correspondence of 25 November 2014.

Item 19 – Clause 10.1 – types of employment

The TWU presses the variation as per our draft of 25 November 2014 subject to discussions with the employer parties as to an alternate solution to the issue.

Item 22 – Clause 13.5(a)(iii) – rates of pay – hourly driving method

The TWU presses the proposed variation in accordance with our draft of 25 November 2014.

There were a number of other items parties were to have discussions in relation to and advise by 22 May. As a result of the TWU's National Council to be held next week I am not in a position to finalise those discussions by that date.

I would seek further time to have discussions before a further conference is to be held. I note the directions issued by His Honour Justice Ross and advise the TWU would not be in a position to finalise all of the draft variations until the end of June 2015.

Yours faithfully



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