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The Hon IJK Ross, President
Fair Work Commission
11 Exhibition Street
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By email: chambers.ross.j@fwc.gov.au

Dear Justice Ross,

Re. Group 1 Awards – cross-reference to consultation obligations

On 12 September 2018, the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) issued a decision¹ concerning various group 1 awards (**Decision**).

At paragraph [98] of the Decision, the Commission invited interested parties to make submissions about its proposal outlined in the preceding paragraphs, in response to submissions made by the Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**).

Accordingly, I write to advise that Ai Group:

- Does not oppose the amendments proposed to the exposure draft for the *Poultry Processing Award 2010* at paragraph [96] of the Decision.
- Does not oppose the amendments proposed to the exposure draft for the *Meat Industry Award 2010* at paragraph [97] and Attachment B to the Decision.
- Does not oppose the amendments proposed to the exposure draft for the *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010* at paragraph [97] and Attachment B to the Decision, save that having regard to the most recent version of the exposure draft (published on 17 April 2018):
 - The reference in Attachment B to the Decision to clause 13.3(b) should instead be a reference to clause 13.3(c); and
 - The reference in Attachment B to the Decision to clause 13.7 should instead be a reference to clause 13.5(a).

Yours sincerely,

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¹ 4 yearly review of modern awards – Award stage – Group 1 [2018] FWCFB 5602.