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Cc: 'Ruchi Bhatt'; 'Julian Arndt'; Brent Ferguson; 'Nigel Ward'
Subject: AM2015/2 - Family Friendly Work Arrangements - Draft Timetable

Dear Associate,

I refer to the directions hearing on 28 November and the comments of the Deputy President regarding the conduct of the hearing of this matter.

The ACTU has conferred with ACCI and AiG regarding these matters.

Subject to the approval of the Commission, AiG, ACCI and the ACTU have agreed to the structure of the hearing of evidence on 12, 13, 14 and 18 December 2018 as follows:

Tues 12 Dec – ACTU experts

Wed 13 Dec – ACTU lay witnesses and Lappin

Thurs 14 Dec – Toth, other AiG witnesses, ACCI, VACC and NFF witnesses

Mon 18 Dec – Witness evidence [if needed]

The parties are in the process of confirming witness availability and exact estimates for cross-examination based on the above schedule.

Regarding closing submissions, AiG and the ACTU propose the following directions:

Tues 19 Dec – Any party wishing to file closing written submissions must do so by noon

Wed 20 Dec – Vacate

Thurs 21 – Closing oral submissions

Fri 22 – Closing oral submissions [if needed]

While we have noted the Commission's preference for hearing closing oral submissions on Tuesday 19 December, we would respectfully ask the Commission to consider allowing the parties the opportunity to file concise closing written submissions addressing the evidence by noon on Tuesday 19 December, with closing oral submissions heard on 21 December, and 22 December if needed. This proposal will enable closing oral submissions to be conducted as efficiently as possible.

In light of the potential requirement for the parties to change travel arrangements, we would be most grateful for the Commission's earliest confirmation of the location and sitting days for the second week of the hearing.

Yours sincerely,

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