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The Hon IJK Ross AO
President
Fair Work Commission
11 Exhibition Street
Melbourne Vic 3000

Dear Justice Ross,

AM2016/15 - 4 Yearly Review of Modern Awards – Plain language project

I am writing on behalf of Ai Group, the AMWU, the AWU, the CEPU, the CFMMEU – Manufacturing Division, the CFMMEU – Construction and General Division and the UWU in response to the Commission’s Statement¹ of 28 October 2020 regarding the plain language redrafting of:

- The *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020*;
- The *Building and Construction General On-site Award 2020*; and
- The *Vehicle Repair, Services and Retail Award 2020*.

The Statement invites interested parties to comment on whether the plain language redrafting of the above awards should commence in 2020.

The industrial parties are currently devoting substantial resources to:

- The Government’s industrial relations reform process;
- Various 4 Yearly Review matters that are underway; and
- Various Commission proceedings relating to the COV-19 pandemic.

Given the above, we request that any plain language redrafting project for the above awards not commence before the second half of 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Smith'.

Stephen Smith
Head of National Workplace Relations Policy

¹ [2020] FWCFB 5674.