



**MASTER BUILDERS  
AUSTRALIA**

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Fair Work Commission  
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Dear President,

**RE: 4 YEARLY AWARD REVIEW – NATIONAL TRAINING WAGE – AM2016/17**

We refer to the correspondence filed by HIA dated 22 November 2019 ('the HIA Correspondence'), the attached summary document (at Attachment A) and Draft Directions (at Attachment B) with respect to the *Building and Construction General On-Site Award 2010* ('On-Site Award') and the *Joinery and Building Trades Award 2010* ('Joinery Award') within which Master Builders maintains an interest.

Master Builders concurs with the views expressed within the HIA Correspondence and confirms that the summary document, annexed at Attachment A, provides an accurate overview of the proceedings and submissions of the parties to date.

On 15 November 2019, and in response to the CFMMEU's Draft Report (dated 27 September 2019), Master Builders sent correspondence to the parties concurring with the concerns highlighted by HIA with the CFMMEU's Draft Report and endorsed the proposed next steps as outlined in the HIA's email of that same day.

As outlined in our previous submissions,<sup>1</sup> Master Builders continues to support the Commission's proposal to delete the specific schedules attached to the On-Site and Joinery Awards and replace them with a reference to the *Miscellaneous Award 2010* with the objective of reducing award length and complexity and create greater consistency across modern awards.<sup>2</sup>

We reiterate the point that, as stated by the Commission<sup>3</sup>, any party that wishes to vary the schedule within existing Awards or depart from the standard approach is required to make an application to do so and therefore we would not oppose the Draft Directions at Attachment B of the HIA Correspondence.

In the absence of a party filing any such application, Master Builders continues to rely on its previous submissions<sup>4</sup> and does not seek that the Commission set down a further oral hearing to determine the matter.

<sup>1</sup> *Submission of Master Builders Australia – 4 Yearly Review of Modern Awards – National Training Wage (AM2016/15, AM2016/17), 17 March 2017. Submission of Master Builders Australia – 4 Yearly Review of Modern Awards – National Training Wage – AM2016/17, 8 September 2017.*

<sup>2</sup> [2016] FWC 4495

<sup>3</sup> *4 Yearly Review of Modern Awards – Plain Language Re-drafting; National Training Wage – (AM2016/15; AM2016/17) Mention, 7 September 2018 at PN169.*

<sup>4</sup> *Submission of Master Builders Australia – 4 Yearly Review of Modern Awards – National Training Wage (AM2016/15, AM2016/17), 17 March 2017. Submission of Master Builders Australia – 4 Yearly Review of Modern Awards – National Training Wage – AM2016/17, 8 September 2017.*

Should there be any further information required, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 02 6202 8888.

Yours sincerely,



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