

Dear Parties,

We confirm receipt of Ms Bhatt's correspondence.

In accordance with that correspondence, the Commission has decided to grant an extension of time to file material in reply until close of business on **22 May 2017**.

Kind regards

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Dear Vice President,

**Re. AM2016/31 *Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010 & Nurses Award 2010***

We refer to the above matter and directions issued by the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) on 23 November 2016 and a subsequent amendment made to them on 24 March 2017, by virtue of which respondent parties are required to file comprehensive written submissions and any witness statements and/or documentary material upon which they seek to rely by Friday, 12 May 2017.

The Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**) has an interest in the *Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010* and the *Nurses Award 2010*. We oppose a number of the changes sought to those awards by various unions. Despite our best endeavours, we will not be in a position to file our material within the timeframe currently contemplated by the Commission's directions. Accordingly, we write to respectfully request an extension of time to file our material in reply until close of business on 22 May 2017.

Our inability to comply with the Commission's directions is primarily due to our significant involvement in a large number of other 4 yearly award review matters since the proponents of the various claims filed their material. This includes but is not limited to:

- The public holidays common issues (AM2014/301);
- The payment of wages common issues (AM2016/8);
- The family and domestic violence leave common issues (AM2015/1);
- The annual leave common issues (AM2014/47);
- The abandonment of employment common issues (AM2016/35);
- The plain language re-drafting of the *Clerks – Private Sector Award 2010* (AM2016/15);
- The plain language re-drafting of the 'standard clauses' (AM2016/15);
- The plain language re-drafting of the national training wage schedule (AM2016/15);
- The review of the construction industry awards (AM2016/23);



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- The review of the road transport industry awards (AM2016/32);
- The review of the *Horticulture Award 2010* (AM2016/25);
- The review of the *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010* (AM2014/75);
- The review of the *Food, Beverage and Tobacco Manufacturing Award 2010* (AM2014/268);
- The review of the *Electrical, Electronic and Communications Contracting Award 2010* (AM2014/265);
- The review of the *Airline Operations – Ground Staff Award 2010* (AM2014/254);
- The review of the *Water Industry Award 2010* (AM2014/249);
- The review of the *Professional Employees Award 2010* (AM2014/281);
- The review of the *Children’s Services Award 2010* (AM2014/263); and
- The review of the *Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award 2010* (AM2016/24).

We note that the variations sought to the *Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010* and the *Nurses Award 2010* are set down for hearing from 27 November 2017. This is some six months away. Accordingly, there is no apparent prejudice that would be visited upon other interested parties if the short extension sought were granted.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,

**Stephen Smith**  
Head of National Workplace Relations Policy