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Subject: RE: AM2019/17 Finalisation of Exposure Drafts - Tranche 1

Dear Ms Bhatt,

Thank you for your email. Justice Ross will be back in Chambers this Friday 20 September 2019. Accordingly, he will consider your request and provide a response then.

Thank you, Tahleah.

Tahleah Gillard Associate to The Hon. Justice IJK Ross President

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The Fair Work Commission acknowledges that our business is conducted on the traditional lands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We acknowledge their continuing connection to country and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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Dear Associate,

We refer to the above matter.

Directions issued by the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) require interested parties to file submissions in relation to the following matters by 4pm on 20 September 2019:

- The 'tranche 1' exposure drafts. The Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**) has a relevant interest in 16 of the 'tranche 1' exposure drafts.
- Submissions filed by other interested parties in respect of a number of exposure drafts. Ai Group has an interest in 29 such exposure drafts.

Whilst our preparation of the aforementioned submissions is well underway, we regret that given the extent of our involvement in these proceedings as well as other concurrently timetabled matters, we will not be in a position to file a submission in respect of all of the 'tranche 1' exposure drafts in which we have an interest. We accordingly respectfully request that the finalisation of the following three exposure drafts be deferred until 'tranche 2' or 'tranche 3' of the proceedings:

- 1. Graphic Arts, Printing and Publishing Award;
- 2. Telecommunications Services Award; and
- 3. Business Equipment Award.

Ai Group has a significant interest in these awards and seeks an opportunity to carefully review the exposure drafts before they are finalised. The directions issued by the Commission in relation to the 'tranche 1' exposure drafts will not allow us to do so.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,

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