

Justice Iain JK Ross AO
President Fair Work Commission
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**Dear Justice Ross** 

Re: AM2014/300 AM2014/301

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SA Unions is the peak trade union Council for South Australia. Through its affiliated organisations, it represents approximately 160,000 union members in all industries and sectors.

We refer to the directions handed down on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 in relation to the 'part-day public holiday' aspect of the above matters. We note that the Commission draws a distinction between 'the clause itself' and 'the penalty rate issue'.

We understand that the 'penalty rate issue' will be dealt with in the penalty rate common issue case.

In relation to 'the clause itself', that is, the wording of the clause as it relates to part-day public holidays, it is the position of SA Unions that this is best dealt with after the substantive clause has been settled.

We assert that it would be premature to make submissions about how a particular clause may relate to part-day public holidays when we do not yet know the form or substance of that clause.

SA Unions have conferred with other unions in South Australia including the SDA and United Voice and can confirm that this is a common position.

As such, it would be our preference to defer the hearing of the part-day public holiday matters until after the substantive clause has been settled.

Yours sincerely



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