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## BY EMAIL

Associate to Deputy President Millhouse  
Fair Work Commission  
Level, 11 Exhibition Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear Associate

### **B2023/771 - Application by United Firefighters' Union of Australia**

We refer to the above matter and confirm that we act on behalf of Fire Rescue Victoria (**FRV**).

We also refer to the letter sent to the Deputy President on behalf of the United Firefighters Union of the Australia (**UFU**) on 9 February 2024 requesting that the case management conference that is listed before the Deputy President on 14 February 2024 be adjourned until the *Fair Work Legislation Closing Loopholes Bill (No 2) Bill (Cth) (Closing Loopholes (No 2) Bill)* comes into operation.

FRV does not agree with the contention advanced in that letter that the decision of the Full Bench has been rendered nugatory by the presumed commencement of legislative changes in the Closing Loopholes (No 2) Bill relating to intractable bargaining.

However, in the circumstances, FRV would not object to a short adjournment of the case management conference of up to 14 days to allow the parties to properly consider their positions in light of the presumed legislative changes.

If you have any queries about the matters raised in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Molan of our office. We confirm that we will provide a copy of this letter to the representatives for the UFU and the Minister for Emergency Services.

Yours faithfully

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