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**Subject:** M2020/99; AM2021/63 & AM2021/65 – Work value case – Aged Care proceedings- Statements of the Fair Work Commission dated 11 March 2022 and 4 April 2022 [MBC-VIC.FID4764043]

Dear Associate,

We are the solicitors for the HSU.

We write with the consent of the ANMF, the UWU, ABI, LASA and ACSA.

We refer to the statement of the Fair Work Commission dated 11 March 2022 ( **11 March Statement**) and the statement of the Fair Work Commission dated 4 April 2022 (**4 April Statement**).

In order to prepare and agree the hearing plan as requested by the Commission in the 11 March Statement the parties would be assisted by further information as to how the Commission proposes to program and hear this matter.

To that end, we respectfully raise the following issues in respect of which an indication of the Commission's inclinations would assist the parties in their planning.

Noting that the Commission proposes in the 4 April Statement to proceed to hear this matter via Microsoft Teams :

1. Could hearing rooms be made available in registries of the Commission with audio-visual links established between all such hearing rooms, so as to enable witnesses and representatives to elect to attend from either their home/office location via Microsoft Teams or to physically attend such registries as are convenient (i.e., at least in Sydney and Melbourne, possibly also in other registries subject to the Commission's convenience and resources)?
2. Is the Commission prepared to accommodate site inspections in the first week of the schedule of hearings, if such inspections can be arranged safely? The parties consider that the Commission would be assisted by such inspections. If the Commission is prepared to accommodate inspections, the parties will consult and endeavour to propose an agreed list of inspection venues in advance of the next mention in order that appropriate arrangements can be made.

The parties are engaged in the development of a hearing plan and would be greatly assisted by the Commission's indications in relation to these matters at the Commission's earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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