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TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER J.P. McALPINE

T No 12789 of 2006

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS AWARD

Application pursuant to the provisions of section 23(2)(b) of the Industrial Relations Act 1984 by the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia to vary the above award re to increase expense related allowances in accordance with the Wage Fixing Principles

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10.30 AM, TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2006

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HEARING COMMENCED

[10.30am]

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MR K. HARKINS: I appear on behalf of the CEPU.

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MS S. HAAS: I appear for the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Mr Harkins, fire away.

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MR HARKINS: Thank you, Commissioner. I have spent a couple of days preparing for this case because it is an important issue for our members. Our national office has provided you with documentation to support what we have got to say today. I understand you have been provided with a copy of that from Lindsay Bedfil, our national industrial officer.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

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MR HARKINS: And on reading of the material find that it doesn't defend the wage fixing principles or the public interest test that apply to these documents so we would ask that the Commission support our application.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. I didn't even see your lips move there.

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MS HAAS: Thank you, Commissioner. Paul Mazengarb on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce has had carriage of this matter and has checked the figures and spoken with the national office and we consent to the amended draft order as presented to the Commissioner. If the Commission pleases.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. And he and you have no problems regarding the offending the public interests and the likes?

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MS HAAS: No, we believe that it does not offend the public interest and it is in line with the wage fixing principles issued by the Commission.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. When does this take effect from?

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MS HAAS: We understand it takes effect from today.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Here we go. So it will be the first full pay period after 3 October.

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MR HARKINS: That is correct, Commissioner.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Right. Okay, well, I agree with you, I don't see it offending the public interest and I think it is in line with the wage fixing principles and I am comfortable to approve this effective the first full pay period after 3 October 2006. Okay, thank you.

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MR HARKINS: Thank you, Commissioner.

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THE COMMISSIONER: You were very well prepared for this.

ADJOURNED INDEFINITELY

[10.32am]