

**HEARING COMMENCED 10.30am**

COMMISSIONER: I'll take appearances in this matter please. Mr Courtney.

5 **MR G.G. COURTNEY:** If the commissioner pleases, COURTNEY, G.G. for the AMIEU.

COMMISSIONER: Good. Thank you.

**MR D. DILGER:** DILGER, D. for the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and also appearing on behalf of the National Meat Association.

10 COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Mr Courtney.

MR COURTNEY: Commissioner, I have a draft here of the third minimum rates adjustments for your perusal.

COMMISSIONER: Right. We'll mark this **EXHIBIT C.1**. Now is this part of the MRA adjustment plan is it?

15 MR COURTNEY: Yes, it is, sir.

COMMISSIONER: And that was agreed at previous hearings of the commission?

MR COURTNEY: Yes, it was.

20 COMMISSIONER: Right. Have you any further submission you need to make on this matter?

MR COURTNEY: No, I don't think so, commissioner. I think we've actually discussed it previously and I think these figures are correct and true.

25 COMMISSIONER: Right. Now I notice that your draft order also adjusts the next amount arising out of the State Wage Case decision of 4 October.

MR COURTNEY: Yes, on 14 October, sir.

30 COMMISSIONER: 14 October - and that's picking up the minimum rate adjustment in the supplementary payment column for that adjustment. So that means the 14 October variation will include this MRA plus the \$4.00 arising out of the State Wage Case decision.

MR COURTNEY: Yes, that's right, sir.

COMMISSIONER: And the operative date? You've agreed on the operative date?

MR COURTNEY: Yes, as 9 September 1998 or the first full pay period to commence on or after 9 September 1998.

COMMISSIONER: Good. Thank you. Mr Dilger, have you any submission?

5 MR DILGER: Yes, commissioner, if it please, this application is the third stage of the minimum rates adjustment. I submit it's in line with the previous applications. I submit that the increases that have flowed fall within the structural efficiency principle handed down by the commission in matter T7702 of 1998 and I submit that section 36 of  
10 the *Industrial Relations Act 1984* referring to public interest is not offended by the application. If the commission pleases.

COMMISSIONER: Good. Thank you. Well, I can indicate to you I'll hand down a written decision in due course. It will be in favour of the application and the award will be amended along the lines of the draft  
15 highlighted in exhibit C.1.

There being no further submissions, this matter is closed.

**HEARING CONCLUDED 10.40am**