

COMMISSIONER: I'll take appearances.

MR D. MATTHEWSON: MATTHEWSON, D., representing the Australian Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union, Tasmanian Branch.

5 COMMISSIONER: Thanks, Mr Matthewson.

MR D. CROSSIN: CROSSIN, D., representing the Licensed Clubs.

COMMISSIONER: Thanks, Mr Crossin.

MR F.J. E. JOHNSON: JOHNSON, F.J.E., representing the Licensed Clubs.

10 COMMISSIONER: Thanks, Mr Johnson.

MR S.J. GATES: If it pleases the commission, GATES, S.J., from the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

COMMISSIONER: Thanks, Mr Gates. Mr Matthewson?

15 MR MATTHEWSON: Thank you, commissioner. These applications for Licensed Clubs Award and the Hotels, Resorts, Hospitality and Motels Award seek to increase the provisions for meal allowance to reflect CPI movements in the category of meals out, take away, for the period June 1995 to June 1996.

20 The application is consistent with the full bench decision T6582 of 1996 and a previous full bench decision T5763 of 1995. It involves the quantum being increased from \$9.25 to \$9.45, an increase of 20 cents.

25 We submit that the application is not against public interest and consistent with the commission's Wage Fixing Principles and we would seek an operative date of the first full pay period on or after this hearing date which is 5 June 1997.

COMMISSIONER: Thanks, Mr Matthewson. Who's going to go first - Mr Gates?

30 MR GATES: I guess I'd better go first. We are in a position today, commissioner, where we can give our consent to the application before you.

We are satisfied that the allowance which is sought to be increased is in fact an expense-related allowance. We are also satisfied that the increase which is being sought is in accordance with the increases to the Consumer Price Index, as it pertains to fast food take away.

35 We are satisfied that the application is in accordance with the Wage Fixation Principles and does not offend the public interest.

In relation to an operative date, we consent to a first full pay period on or after the date of the decision, or date of proceedings in this matter. If it pleases the commission.

COMMISSIONER: Thanks, Mr Gates. Mr Crossin?

5 MR CROSSIN: The registered clubs have agreed that we would not object to this amount and we echo the same principles as the TCCI.

COMMISSIONER: Thanks, Mr Crossin. Mr Johnson, the same?

MR JOHNSON: Concur.

10 COMMISSIONER: Good. Well, I indicate now that those two applications will be granted, operative from the agreed date and I congratulate the parties on the efficient manner in which they have conducted the hearings.

HEARING CONCLUDED