

COMMISSIONER: Take appearances please.

MR D. STRICKLAND: If the commission pleases, STRICKLAND D., appearing for the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union Australia, Tasmanian Branch.

5 COMMISSIONER: Good, thank you.

MR M. WATSON: May it please the commission, MARK WATSON I appear on behalf of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

10 COMMISSIONER: Good, thank you. We might just go off the record for a moment.

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COMMISSIONER: Mr Strickland?

15 MR STRICKLAND: Thank you, commissioner. This application today seeks to vary the Clothing Industry Award, to give effect to the third \$8 safety net adjustment that's provided for by the both July 1996 and July 1997 State Wage Case decisions. And it's also - this application is consistent with a previous decision of yourself, in matter T7042 of 1997, where the parties established an agreed time-frame for the
20 implementation of future wage increases consistent with those State Wage Case decisions.

This application is, like I've said, consistent with that time-frame appearing at dot point two, in that T7042 decision, it would be my submission that the granting of this application would not be contrary
25 to the public interest. Draft orders for the application were forwarded to the commission at the time the application was made, they've been referred to the TCCI and checked, and we've been advised that they are correct.

We would seek endorsement of our application, to give effect to the
30 third safety net adjustment with an operative date, as outlined in the draft orders, from the first pay period on or after 25 September. If the commission pleases.

COMMISSIONER: Good, thank you. Mr Watson?

35 MR WATSON: Commissioner, I can confirm for the record that this is part of a consent position, and which was in fact confirmed in the previous decision on this matter, when the second \$8 safety net was approved. The third \$8 safety net, as per this application, and as per the order that's been provided by the TCFUA, is acceptable to us and

as far as we're concerned shall apply from the first full pay period on or after 25 September 1997.

5 It's also part of a program of the third and fourth minimum rates adjustments, and also the \$10 safety net adjustment, which will be paid from the first full pay period on or after 28 March 1998. On that basis we believe that the application meets the commission's Wage Fixing Principles and doesn't offend the public interest, and we advise of consent to this application. If it please the commission.

10 COMMISSIONER: Good, thank you. I'm prepared to amend the award in the manner sought and it'll be operative from the dates so agreed. I'll hand down a written decision in due course and it will include the orders. This matter is now closed, thank you.

HEARING CONCLUDED