

TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Industrial Relations Act 1984

T No. 2756 of 1990 and
T No. 2757 of 1990

IN THE MATTER OF an application
by the Association of Draughting,
Supervisory and Technical
Employees, Tasmanian Branch for
the making of new awards

re Metal & Engineering On-site
(Tasmania) Construction Industry
Award, and Metal and Engineering
Industry (Tasmania) Award

COMMISSIONER WATLING

Hobart, 1 May 1991
Continued from 25/3/91

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

(Unedited)

COMMISSIONER WATLING: I'll take appearances, please.

MR P. BAKER: Sir, I appear on behalf of the Metals and Engineering Workers' Union, P. BAKER.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: In both matters?

MR BAKER: In both matters, sir, yes.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good. Thank you.

MR A.J. GRUBB: If the Commission please, GRUBB A.J. on behalf of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia, Tasmanian Branch, in both matters.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good. You're intervening, I take it?

MR GRUBB: Yes, Mr Commissioner, sorry.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Yes.

MR K.D. BECKER: Intervening on behalf of the Electrical Trades Union of Tasmanian Branch in both matters, BECKER K.D.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good. Thank you very much.

MR D. PYRKE: If the Commission please, DARRYL PYRKE appearing on behalf of the Association of Professional Engineers, Tasmanian Branch, intervening in both matters.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good. Thank you.

MR J. LONG: If the Commission please, LONG J for the Federated Ironworkers' Association and the Australasian Society of Engineers.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good. Are you intervening? In both matters?

MR LONG: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good.

MR R.S. RANDALL: If the Commission please, RANDALL RICKEY STEPHEN, I appear on behalf of the Plumbers and Gasfitters Employees' Union.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good. Are you intervening in both matters, too, are you?

MR RANDALL: Yes, Mr Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: You'd think that people would get the drift, wouldn't you?

MR T.J. EDWARDS: If it please the Commission, EDWARDS T.J. I appear for the Tasmanian Confederation of Industries and the Metal Industry Association of Tasmania.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good. We have got a latecomer. Are you taking a seat as an observer, or are you participating?

MR M. CLIFFORD: Participating, yes.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Right.

MR CLIFFORD: Sorry about being late. MARTIN CLIFFORD appearing on behalf of the Building Workers' Industrial Union and the Federated Engine Drivers'.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Are you intervening?

MR CLIFFORD: Yes, Mr Commissioner,.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: In both matters?

MR CLIFFORD: Both matters, yes.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Thank you. Any objections to the interventions? No objections to the interventions. Intervention leave is granted. Right, Mr Baker?

MR BAKER: Thank you, sir. I'd like to hand to the Commission, if I may, an exhibit which will outline where we are at the present time.

I think, sir, I may have ...

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Yes. This one's the Metal Engineering Industry Tasmania Award, and ... I've got one of each now. Right, well, we'll mark the exhibit with the title of 'Metal and Engineering Industry Tasmania Award' as B.1, and the exhibit with the title of 'Metal and Engineering On-Site Tasmania Construction Industry Award' as B.2.

Now, I take it today we're going to be looking at the need for the new awards, the title, and the scope?

MR BAKER: No, sir. What ... in fact, since the last two occasions this matter, or both matters were before you, what has occurred is the unions who may or may not choose to become a respondent to the new awards, together with the TCI, had a very lengthy meeting concerning the scope clause and the proposed definitions contained within both awards, or what is proposed for both awards, and subsequent to that the TCI and ourselves had a meeting just to sort of do a little more of the drafting work which has resulted in the two exhibits which are before you today.

It would be our intention, sir, this morning to adjourn these proceedings into a conference before you in order that we can simply skip through the documents in an informal manner to show you exactly where we're at.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Right. Any objections to that course of action? No, objections, we'll turn off the transcript and go into conference, thank you.

ADJOURNED INTO CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Thank you. Mr Baker?

MR BAKER: Thank you, sir. Thank you for the opportunity for expressing our position and that of the other unions and also the opinion of the Commission during those discussions.

I think at this point in time, and during this part of the procedure, it may be appropriate if the matter was adjourned to a date to be fixed and the parties will advise you accordingly as and when they require the services of the Commission to finalise the matter.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Any opposition to that course of action? No opposition, everyone's happy. Rightio, we'll agree to the adjournment. However, I would suggest to the parties that there is a need to try and come to grips with some of the issues that we discussed off the record.

I'd have to say to you that I would not like these things to drag on. Even though we're dealing with a new Metals Award, it does include some discussions going on in the electrical ... electrical engineers' area and must be appreciated that that award hasn't even got it's second structural efficiency adjustment at this stage. And, I just point out that there is a need also to make sure that we're mindful of what's happening in the metals as well as the electrical when progressing this. And, whilst it's a big job, I'd just ask the parties to give it some priority.

The adjournment is granted. Thanks for your participation and see you next time.

HEARING ADJOURNED