

COMMISSIONER: I'll take appearances please.

MR D. SHIRKEY: If the commission pleases, I appear on behalf of the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia, Tasmanian Branch - SHIRKEY D.

5 **MR W.J. FITZGERALD:** If it pleases, I appear on behalf of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry - FITZGERALD W.J.

COMMISSIONER: I'll take it that we've had some pre-hearing discussions in relation to this matter. Who is leading off today? Mr Shirkey?

10 MR SHIRKEY: Mr Commissioner, this application seeks to vary the Clothing Industry Award to give effect to the fourth minimum rate adjustment arising out of T7042 of 1997. The commission, as currently constituted, endorsed a timetable of wage increases currently available under the state wage principles.

15 It is the union's submission that the granting of this application does not offend the public interest. Accordingly, we seek the award be varied consistent with the draft orders provided with the application.

The draft orders have been provided to the TCCI and have their endorsement.

20 We seek the award be varied from the first full pay period on or after today's date.

COMMISSIONER: Good. Thank you. Mr Fitzgerald?

MR FITZGERALD: I really haven't much more to add. I understand from Mr Shirkey that the orders have been -

25 COMMISSIONER: Well, look, you can't get paid if you haven't sort of got much to contribute. Don't draw your salary today.

MR FITZGERALD: No, no, I will endorse it. Certainly, I understand Mr Shirkey did provide the draft orders to Mr Flood of our Launceston office who has checked them and does agree with them and in accordance with the principles I would endorse Mr Shirkey's remarks and we would ask that the commission grant the application with operative effect from today's date - or the full pay period occurring on or after today.

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35 COMMISSIONER: Well, I can indicate that I will hand down a written decision in due course. It will be in favour of the application that the award will be varied from the first full pay period to commence on or today. The application is in line with a previously established timetable and I have no submissions before me that would indicate that it's contrary to the public interest, so the application is granted. Thank
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