

HEARING COMMENCED 10am

COMMISSIONER: I'll take appearances, please.

MR D. PYRKE: If the commission pleases. DARYL PYRKE appearing on behalf of the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia.

COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Mr Pyrke.

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

COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Mr Pyrke?

MR PYRKE: Yes, thank you, commissioner. Commissioner, this application is under principle 16 of the Wage Fixing Principles. That being the case I have drafted the application having regard for the memorandum issued by the commission on 5 February 1998 and so we have addressed things such as award formatting and the need for the scope clause to be self-contained and various things of that nature.

Consistent with the spirit, if not the precise letter of the same principle, I have also included in the application a couple of matters which, to me, need to be addressed for the award to be modern and complete and they are to do with contract of employment or as we now call it, employment relationship, but also in terms of hours.

Now after I did the application and sent it into the commission I realised that there is a need to have some discussions with the TTCI. We have now met and those discussions are ongoing so that being the case today is in the nature of a report back to that effect as distinct from the actual making of the new award. If the commission pleases. That is all I need to say at this stage unless you have any questions.

COMMISSIONER: Okay, no questions at this point. Mr Watson, do you wish to make a comment?

MR WATSON - That's right, commissioner. I can confirm what Mr Pyrke has said to you. We did meet last week in relation to the award review specifically and also in relation to some of the changes proposed by Mr Pyrke's organisation. It won't be me personally dealing with this matter from now on in. Mr O'Neill, because it's his award, will be taking over. But there are some matters that Mr Pyrke has put to us that we need to consider and we will consult with members and report back to him in a short period of time and, hopefully, we'll be able to come back to the commission at some stage in the near future with a consent document.

COMMISSIONER: Okay. Are the parties able to give any indication as to when that would be likely to be?

MR PYRKE: I'm in Mr Watson's hands because he has to consult his members and I'm not sure how long that process takes.

5 MR WATSON: It's probably up to me to address that, commissioner, because I think Mr Pyrke has put his position on the table fairly clearly. I would say that probably within a month.

10 COMMISSIONER: Okay. I actually prefer to set another date down so that we can keep the process moving. So you say within a month, so if we were to make it about five weeks hence that should be adequate time.

15 MR WATSON: Yes, I would say so, and by that point I think we'd either be saying, yes we can consent to the document with the changes proposed or we will obviously consent to just the reformat and the other matters will have to be addressed some other way.

COMMISSIONER: Well perhaps if we can look at the diary, Monday, 15 May, okay?

MR WATSON: Yes.

MR PYRKE: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER: That seems to conclude the hearing for this morning and I will see you on the 15th.

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