

TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Industrial Relations Act 1984

T. No. 3461 of 1991 and
T. No. 3929 of 1992

IN THE MATTER OF applications by
the Metals and Engineering
Workers Union to vary the
Automotive Industries Award

re minimum rates adjustment,
restructuring of award

COMMISSIONER IMLACH

HOBART, 15 December 1993
continued from 2/7/93

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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COMMISSIONER IMLACH: I'll take appearances.

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

MR P.J. NOONAN: If the commission pleases, I appear on behalf of the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association - NOONAN, P.J.

MR K. O'BRIEN: If the commission pleases, I appear on behalf of the Australian Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union.

COMMISSIONER IMLACH: Mr O'Brien.

MR J. LONG: If the commission pleases, JEFF LONG; I appear on behalf of AWU-FIMEE Amalgamated Union.

MRS H.J. DOWD: If the commission pleases, I appear on behalf of the Australian Municipal Administrative, Clerical and Services Union - DOWD, H.J.

MR T.J. EDWARDS: If it please the commission, EDWARDS T.J.; I appear for the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Metal Industry Association of Tasmania.

MR. R. JOYCE: If the commission pleases, I appear for the Tasmanian Automobile Chamber of Commerce; JOYCE R.

COMMISSIONER IMLACH: Right, who's going to kick off?

MR BAKER: I will, sir. Since the last time this matter was before you, we have had some considerable discussions with the employer, the employer representatives, namely the TCCI, and to a lesser extent some minor discussions with TACC.

It is my intention, sir, at this point time to request that the matter be adjourned into a conference of the parties under your chairmanship in order that we can bring you up to date exactly where we are in an informal manner, and to outline to you the way in which we intend to proceed - or would hope to proceed.

COMMISSIONER IMLACH: Thanks, Mr Baker. Has anyone any objection to that course?

We'll go off the record then, thanks.

OFF THE RECORD

COMMISSIONER IMLACH: Right, Mr Baker.

MR BAKER: Thank you, sir. During the recess I've had the opportunity to confer with both of my colleagues and with the employer representatives. It is our position that we will seek these proceedings to be adjourned to enable the parties to prepare a draft order to present to the commission in early January to give effect to the broadbanding concept and arising out of that, sir, of course will be the issue of the minimum rates adjustment principle and we will seek to give you either notice or we'd incorporate the commencement of those - those - or that process at that time.

COMMISSIONER IMLACH: Right. Anyone else? Mr Edwards?

MR EDWARDS: Thank you, commissioner. We certainly consent to the adjournment that's been sought by Mr Baker. It would appear from our private discussions with Mr Baker that there are still a number of issues which need to be discussed and resolved between the parties and as a result we would agree to these proceedings being adjourned with a review to a resumption as early as possible in the new year once those issues have been resolved. If it please the commission.

MR JOYCE: If the commission pleases, just to endorse the points of both the AMEU and the TCCI.

COMMISSIONER IMLACH: Thanks, Mr Joyce. Alright, well I heartily recommend that process to all the parties and I assure you I'll be ready at any time to confirm and endorse what you agree.

HEARING ADJOURNED