

TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Industrial Relations Act 1984

T No. 2757 of 1990

IN THE MATTER OF an application
by the Metal and Engineering
Workers' Union for the making of
the Metal and Engineering Industry
(Tasmania) Award

T No. 3722 of 1992

IN THE MATTER OF an application
by the Metal and Engineering
Workers' Union to vary the
Mechanical Engineering and
Founders Award

re deletion of all clauses

COMMISSIONER WATLING

HOBART, 25 March 1992
Continued from 24/3/92

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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COMMISSIONER WATLING: I'll take appearances in those two matters, please.

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

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Thank you.

MR J. LONG: If the commission pleases, LONG J., appearing in both matters on behalf of FIMEE.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good, thank you.

MRS H.J. DOWD: If the commission pleases, I appear on behalf of the Federated Clerks Union of Australia, Tasmanian Branch, DOWD H.J., in both matters.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good, thank you.

MR K.D. BECKER: If the commission pleases, BECKER K.D., I appear on behalf of the Electrical Trades Union.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good, thank you.

MR S. CLUES: If it please the commission, I appear on behalf of the Tasmanian Confederation of Industries, CLUES S.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good, thank you.

MR S.P. KNOTT: If the commission pleases, I appear on behalf of the Australian Mines and Metals Association, KNOTT S.P.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good. Mr Baker?

MR BAKER: Thank you, sir. In respect of the making of the new award, in matter 2757 -

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Or the finalisation of the making of the new award.

MR BAKER: Sorry, the finalisation of the making of the award. As you would be well aware, sir, there have been some extensive negotiations between the parties on the previous two days of hearings relating to this matter. And I think it is appropriate to report on the record that substantial progress has been made to the finalising of the award. Indeed, all that remains to be done, I would suggest, is to reword the document in accordance with the agreed matters which were discussed by the parties during those discussions.

There are some matters - some minor matters which may require the attention of the commission, but I'm confident that - that even those matters can be resolved through discussions. It would therefore be our proposal to put to you today that that

matter be adjourned for a short period to allow the finalisation of the conditions and general clauses in the award to be finalised between the parties.

I believe that that will enable us to finalise the document and come back to you, sir, with a document that you can put your imprimatur on, and we will have a new award in the metal and engineering industry. Thank you, sir.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Right. So I take it then that you're requesting also that the application to repeal the Mechanical Engineers and Founders Award not proceed as well?

MR BAKER: I'm sorry, sir, that was an oversight on my part. Yes, sir, we would also, as a consequence of that, we would then be seeking to have the application for the deletion of the - or the repealing, I should say, of the Mechanical Engineers and Founders Award put on hold until we come back to you with the completed package in the new award.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good, thank you. Now, the union submissions.

MR LONG: Well, on behalf of FIMEE, sir, we would support the adjournment on both matters.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good, thank you.

MRS DOWD: The Federated Clerks Union also supports the adjournment of these two matters, Mr Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Thank you.

MR BECKER: As the same, Mr Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: The ETU, thank you.

MR CLUES: The TCI doesn't oppose the adjournment, Mr Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Do they agree with it?

MR CLUES: The TCI agrees with adjournment being requested by the MEWU.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Very good. How about the Australian Mines and Metals?

MR KNOTT: We have no difficulty with the adjournment application.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good, thank you. We might just go off the record now. I'll grant the adjournment. We'll go off the record and we'll look at an appropriate date to reconvene this

matter.

SHORT ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER WATLING: The two applications before me will be adjourned until 11 o'clock on Tuesday the 14th of April, thank you.

HEARING ADJOURNED