

IN THE TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Industrial Relations Act 1984

T. Nos. 432 and 435 of 1986

IN THE MATTER OF applications by the Tasmanian Public Service Association and the Tasmanian Trades and Labor Council to vary all public sector awards, and to vary all public and private sector awards and agreements respectively

And

T.No. 440 of 1986

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Association of Professional Engineers Australia (Tasmanian Branch) to vary the Professional Engineers Award and the North-West Regional Water Authority Employees Award

re national wage 2.3% increase in salaries, wages and allowances

FULL BENCH

PRESIDENT
DEPUTY PRESIDENT
COMMISSIONER GOZZI

HOBART, 10 July 1986

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

(RESUMPTION)

PRESIDENT:

We will identify the document handed in by Mr Hanlon as Exhibit U.3.

Mr Evans, perusal of the T.P.S.A. application discloses that your organization, consciously or unconsciously, has not apparently sought inclusion, in the awards in which you have an interest, of the revised set of guidelines, or for the Commission to pick up the revised set of guidelines.

MR EVANS:

No. I thought I'd covered it when I said I adopted the submissions of Mr Lennon.

PRESIDENT:

Yes. Well, we are aware that Mr Lennon's application was all-embracing in any case. We thought we should point that out to you now, before we conclude these proceedings, Mr Evans. Thank you.

We have considered overnight the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association request, that because of the difficult state of the rural industry, the Agriculturists and Horticulturists Awards be set aside from this hearing.

In making this request it was submitted that the industries represented by these awards lacked capacity to meet the costs of any increase which might flow from these applications.

For that reason the T.F.G.A. found itself obliged to oppose the entire claim for 2.3% on the ground that the inevitable feed-back cost increases would adversely affect the rural industry as a whole.

This approach was opposed by the A.W.U., particularly Mr Rice's reliance upon section 36 of the Act.

In view of the fact, the T.G.F.A. has opposed the flow-on to all awards of the June 1986 national wage decision,

PRESIDENT:

we are unwilling to separate out for decision today what should happen to the two awards in question. We are therefore of the opinion that we should rule upon the merit of this matter at the time that we give our decision on all matters.

That concludes the hearing on these applications.

HEARING CONCLUDED