

COMMISSIONER: Take appearances please.

**MR I. PATERSON:** If the commission please, Ian Paterson, appearing for the Australian Municipal Administrative, Clerical and Services Union.

5 COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER: Good thank you. Mr Paterson?

10 MR PATERSON: Thank you Mr commissioner, this is a matter that came to our attention following the drafting of the orders for the \$10 safety net increase. At that stage there was an error made in subclause (b), and it was drawn to my attention that the operative date clause - subclause in Clause 8 - Wage Rates of the Community  
15 Services Award - is in effect confusing and complicating and no longer necessary.

It originally appeared there related to the implementation of the award, and the varying dates of implementation of base rates and safety net adjustments. As the orders and the award itself now have operative  
20 dates, the application seeks to delete subclause (b) and to consequently re-number the remaining subclauses of the Clause 8 - Wage Rates.

This application, I believe, has the consent of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. I believe it's not against the public interest  
25 and consistent with the award making principles of the commission, and I seek that this variation to the award be made.

COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Mr Watson?

MR WATSON: Commissioner, it is a consent matter. We believe that it is appropriate. I guess on a minor scale this is tidying up exercise as  
30 far as the award is concerned, certainly consistent with the commission's philosophy with regard to the restructuring of awards, and doesn't offend the public interest nor the principles, and advise of consent from today's date.

COMMISSIONER: Good, thank you. Right, no further submissions, then I just have to check the time, but the award will be varied in the  
35 manner sought and be operative from today. I'll hand down a decision and order in due course. Thank you.

**HEARING CONCLUDED**