

COMMISSIONER: I'll take appearances please.

MR D. SHIRKEY: If the commission pleases, I appear on behalf of the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia, Tasmanian Branch - SHIRKEY D.

5 COMMISSIONER: Good, thank you.

MR R. BROWN: If the commission pleases, I appear on behalf of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited - BROWN R.

COMMISSIONER: Good, thanks, Mr Brown. Right, who is leading?

10 MR SHIRKEY: Mr Commissioner, the application seeks to vary the Clothing Industry Award to give effect to the third minimum rate adjustment arising out of T7042 of 1997.

The commission as currently constituted endorsed a timetable of wage increases currently available under the state wage principles. This application is consistent with that timetable.

15 It is the union's submission that the granting of this application does not offend the public interest.

Accordingly, we seek the award be varied consistent with the draft orders provided with the application.

20 The draft orders have been provided to the TCCI and have their endorsement.

We seek the award be varied from the first full pay period on or after today's date. If the commission pleases.

COMMISSIONER: Good. Thank you. Mr Brown.

25 MR BROWN: It is the TCCI's position, Mr Commissioner, that we consent to the application as put by Mr Shirkey and as he alluded to, decision T7042 of 1997 outlined a plan for the minimum rates adjustment and the safety net adjustment and the application is in accordance with that plan and consistent, and also in accordance with the State Wage Fixing principles and is not contrary to the public
30 interest, therefore we would be consenting to the application. If the commission pleases.

COMMISSIONER: And with the operative date being the first full pay period on or after today?

MR BROWN: Yes, no problem at all with that.

35 COMMISSIONER: I just have one query in relation to the draft order the commission received, and that's in relation to apprentices, and I'm just wondering how you got to the \$210.60.

We might just go off the record.

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5 COMMISSIONER: The commission has received a copy of the draft orders with the application and I understand it's the wish of the parties that the draft order, as it relates to apprentices, and the rate alongside the first year, second six months, needs to be varied to read: \$210.50. Now I understand that that may be the agreement of the parties - is that so?

10 MR BROWN: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER: Right, so we've got agreement there so we will make that \$210.50. No further submissions? No.

15 Right. Well, I can indicate to the parties that I'll hand down a written decision fairly smartly. It will be in favour of the application as the application is consistent with the previously outlined plan and the award will be varied from the first full pay period to commence on or after today. Thank you.

HEARING CONCLUDED