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Dear President Ross,

**RE: AM2020/12 – Variation of Awards on the Initiative of the Commission**

I refer to the above and the letter from Mr Suresh Manickam, CEO of NECA, dated 22 May 2020.

I confirm that the CEPU have been engaged in discussions with NECA in respect of a proposed schedule for the Electrical, Electronic and Communications Contracting Award 2010 ('Contracting Award').

NECA have requested the Fair Work Commission ('the Commission') for directions for a conference facilitated by the Commission in respect of the Contracting Award.

The CEPU opposes the Commission setting a conference prematurely for the following reasons:

- a. the CEPU and NECA have only had two meetings and discussions are still on foot;
- b. a third meeting is yet to be scheduled to facilitate further discussions; and
- c. NECA has advised they need to seek further instructions on amendments to the schedule proposed by the CEPU.

The CEPU sees no utility for the Commission to issue directions for a conference particularly given the parties are still committed to provide additional information to each other in response to the proposed schedule for the Contracting Award.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allen Hicks', is written over a white background.

Allen Hicks  
National Secretary  
The Electrical Trades Union of Australia