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To: Chambers - Ross J <Chambers.Ross.j@fwc.gov.au>

Subject: RE: AM2020/12 – Section 157 Variation of Awards on the Initiative of the Commission

Dear Associate,

I refer to the above matter and refer to paragraph [33] of the Full Bench Decision [2020] FWCFB 1837 (**'the Decision'**).

The Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia – Electrical, Energy and Services Division (**'ETU'**) relies on its submissions, dated 6 April 2020. The ETU maintains its objection to the variation of the Electrical, Electronic and Communications Contracting Award 2010 (**'Contracting Award'**).

In respect of the Decision, the ETU confirms that no relevant employer associations have approached the ETU regarding the outcome of the Decision. Additionally, no relevant employer associations have shown urgency in seeking to hold meetings with the ETU with respect to this Decision.

The ETU further notes that the 'electricity, gas, water and waste services' industry has had a minimal decline in the change of employee jobs and total wages between the week ending 14 March 2020 and the week ending 4 April 2020. Furthermore, a minimal decline in the change of employee jobs and total wages between the week ending 28 March 2020 and the week ending 4 April 2020. (See ABS source: 6160.0.55.001 - Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia, Week ending 4 April 2020.)

Hence, the electrical industry has not been significantly impacted by COVID-19 as compared to other industries.

Relying on the above, the ETU objects to any variation to the Contracting Award.

Kind regards

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