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Vice President Watson
Fair Work Commission
11 Exhibition Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear Vice President Watson,

Re. AM2014/296 & AM2014/303 District Allowances

We refer to the above matters and directions issued by Your Honour on 7 April 2016. Those directions required the applicant unions to file any amended submissions and further evidence by 15 April 2016. Such material has been filed by the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association (SDA). The employer parties are required to file amended submissions and further evidence in reply by 4pm on Friday 6 May 2016.

The Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) opposes the applicant unions' claims and we intend to file amended submissions in reply. Despite our best endeavours, we will regrettably not be in a position to file our submissions by the aforementioned deadline. This is primarily due to our involvement in numerous other proceedings in relation to the 4 Yearly Review, which have placed a significant strain on our resources. Specifically, Ai Group has also been directed to file:

- Submissions in reply regarding all group 3 exposure drafts by 5 May 2016;
- Submissions and evidence in respect of *AM2014/93 Vehicle Manufacturing, Repair, Services and Retail Award 2010* by 6 May 2016; and
- Submissions and evidence in reply in respect of *AM2014/281 Professional Employees Award 2010* by 6 May 2016.

Further, Ai Group will appear in proceedings before the Commission in respect of various group 3 awards on 10 May 2016 and 11 May 2016.

On this basis, we respectfully request an extension of time to file our material until close of business on 13 May 2016. As the claims are not the subject of further directions for the filing of material, nor have they been set down for hearing, we do not anticipate that the grant of the extension sought will cause any prejudice to other interested parties. Further, we understand that the SDA consents to our application for an extension of time.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Stephen Smith
Head of National Workplace Relations Policy