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Sent: Monday, 27 March 2017 3:38 PM
To: Chambers - Hatcher VP; AMOD
Subject: AM2014/209 - Pharmacy Industry Award - Substantive Issues

Dear Your Honour

I write in relation to the Amended Directions regarding provision of submissions in relation to the APESMA claim to vary the minimum rates for pharmacists in the Pharmacy Industry Award.

Unfortunately we are not able to provide our submission in relation to the findings we want the Commission to make in respect of expert evidence by 4.00pm today (27th March).

There are a number of reasons why we are no longer able to provide our submission by then. These include:

- The requirement to provide a submission in relation to the Penalty Rates case which was unknown at the time Directions were last amended in relation to this matter;
- The delay in APESMA being able to access the evidence provided by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) and the extensive nature of that evidence; and
- The illness of the APESMA officer who has carriage of this matter.

We write to request a one and a half week extension in the requirement for APESMA to file this submission until 5th April 2017. Such an extension will give Ms Baulch, the officer who has carriage of this matter, the time to recover and to conduct a proper analysis of the information provided by the PSA. It would also still provide the interested employer bodies with 3 and a half weeks to respond to this submission.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter and look forward to your response.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ms Baulch via email on jbaulch@professionalsaustralia.org.au as she is able to access her emails.

Yours Sincerely

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