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By email: [chambers.catanzariti.vp@fwc.gov.au](mailto:chambers.catanzariti.vp@fwc.gov.au)

Dear Vice President,

**Re. AM2014/254 Airline Operations – Ground Staff Award 2010 – request for adjournment**

We refer to the above matter and proceedings listed before the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) on 20 April 2017.

Interested parties have participated in further discussions regarding the three remaining outstanding issues identified in the Commission's 'Summary of Submissions – Technical and Drafting'. The progress of those discussions can be summarised as follows:

- **Item 8:** This matter remains unresolved, however the relevant discussions are ongoing.
- **Item 41:** This matter remains unresolved, however the relevant discussions are ongoing.
- **Item 48:** Ai Group and Qantas oppose the change sought by the TWU and consider that it is a substantive variation. If pursued, Ai Group and Qantas are of the view that it should not be dealt with through the current process, which relates only to technical and drafting matters arising from the *Exposure Draft – Airline Operations – Ground Staff Award 2016*.

Discussions between interested parties to date have been productive. In our view there would be merit in granting the parties an opportunity to continue those discussions, with the aim of resolving additional issues or, at the very least, narrowing the scope of contest between us.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the aforementioned conference be adjourned and relisted before the Commission not before 8 May 2017. We understand that Qantas, the AMWU, the AWU, the TWU, the ASU and ALAEA do not oppose this request.

Yours sincerely,

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