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Senior Deputy President Watson  
Fair Work Commission  
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Dear Senior Deputy President

Re: 4-year Modern Award Review – Group 4C Awards – AM2014/280 – Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers Award 2010 (MAOOOO36)

In accordance with Directions issued by the Fair Work Commission on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the National Fire Industry Association (NFIA) provides comment on the drafting and technical issues with the Exposure Draft Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers Award 2016 (published 26 May 2016).

Parties were asked whether clause 13.14(d)(ii) is permitted in an award.

NFIA contends the clause is allowable, however, notes that 13.14(d) in its entirety does not actually assist readers, as 13.14(d)(i) commences with "*Where possible* .....", and does not provide any guidance of what would be deemed as "*possible*" or a "*possibility*".

Parties are asked whether the payment of wages clause (18.8) should specify that payment by electronic means is an acceptable payment of wages method.

Electronic payment of wages is an acceptable method and NFIA supports the proposition put by the Master Plumbers Group.

Parties are asked to confirm the inclusion of the Fire sprinkler fitting trade allowance in Table B.3 *Fire Sprinkler Fitting for apprentices and adult apprentices*. *Clauses 18.2(b)(iii), 18.2(c)(iii) and 18.3(a)(iii) do not refer to this allowance*

*NFIA confirms the fire sprinkler fitting trade allowance applies to fire sprinkler fitting trades persons only.*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0418 177 531

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne Smith".

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