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Vice President Hatcher
Fair Work Commission
80 William Street
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Dear Vice President,

Re. AM2016/15 Plain Language Re-drafting – Clerks – Private Sector Award 2010

I refer to the above matter and a conference before the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) on 15 September 2017. During that conference, the Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**) was granted a period of seven days to provide advice to the Commission in relation to various issues taken on notice.

Regrettably Ai Group has not been able to provide the Commission with our response to the relevant issues within the timeframe contemplated. This is in part because key personnel at Ai Group have been absent on annual leave and unplanned personal/carer's leave during the week commencing 18 September 2017, by virtue of which we have been unable to finalise our position on the issues.

Further, we note that the transcript of the proceedings has not been uploaded to the Commission's website, without which we are unable to deal with some of the issues raised.

Ai Group is required to file submissions and evidence in relation to two significant 4 yearly award review 'common issues' proceedings in the coming fortnight; those being the Family and Domestic Violence Leave Clause (due 29 September 2017) and Family Friendly Work Arrangements (due 6 October 2017). Both concern claims made by the ACTU in relation to virtually all modern awards that are of significant potential implication for our members. Further, some of the issues raised during the aforementioned conference regarding the plain language re-draft of the *Clerks – Private Sector Award 2010* are potentially complex and will require detailed consideration on our part.

As a result of these factors, we do not anticipate that we will be in a position to file our comments prior to **Friday 13 October 2017**. We accordingly respectfully request an extension until such time to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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