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Cc: AMOD

Subject: RE: AM2018/26 - Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010

Dear parties,

Further to the email below, the Unions requested a four week extension to filing evidence and submissions in support of claims such that they would be due Friday, 15 February 2018 and a three week extension to filing evidence and submissions in reply such that they would be due on 5 April 2019. They did not seek an adjournment of the hearing currently listed for Friday 12 April. Jobs Australia supported this request.

Australian Business Industrial and the NSW Business Chamber expressed concern with the request, suggesting a potential compromise of an extension of 2 or 3 weeks, rather than the proposed 4 weeks so that replying parties are not disadvantaged and to provide the best chance of retaining the current hearing dates. The Ai Group expressed similar concerns and suggested that, if the Commission is minded to grant the Union's request, the directions be varied such that proponents and respondents are each afforded an additional three weeks to file their material. They note that this will minimise the risk that respondent parties seek a further extension of time requiring an adjournment of the hearing currently listed on 12 April 2019.

The President is minded to hold a Mention this Friday to allow oral submissions on the matter, however, should the parties arrive at an agreed position this would not be necessary. Parties have until **12noon on Friday 25 January 2019** to communicate any agreed position to the Commission.

Regards,

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