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

Dear Ms Bhatt,

Thank you for your email.

Can you please raise this proposed timetable change with ABLA and enquire as to whether ABLA is comfortable with its material remaining due on 3 October 2019?

Thank you, Tahleah.

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The Fair Work Commission acknowledges that our business is conducted on the traditional lands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We acknowledge their continuing connection to country and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

From: Ruchi Bhatt <Ruchi.Bhatt@aigroup.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2019 10:53 AM
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Dear Associate,

We refer to the above matter.

Amended directions issued by the Commission required parties opposing claims advanced by Australian Business Lawyers and Advisors' (**ABLA's**) clients to be filed on or before 16 September 2019.

During a conference before Commissioner Lee on 15 August 2019, the Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**) identified a number of concerns arising from the claims advanced by ABLA's clients.

On 27 August 2019 we received written advice from ABLA that it intended to file an amended draft determination in the Commission by the end of that week (i.e. by 30 August 2019), addressing our concerns. This advice was confirmed verbally by ABLA on 28 August 2019. The amendments proposed would have alleviated Ai Group's concerns. We therefore did not anticipate that we would seek to file submissions responding to the claims advanced.

It has come to our attention this week that ABLA has not filed an amended draft determination and we have now been advised that it no longer intends to amend its claims as previously foreshadowed. Ai Group therefore seeks an opportunity to file a short written submission responding to various elements of the claims.

Having regard to our involvement in various other award review matters that are timetabled over the coming week, we respectfully request that we be granted an extension until close of business on Thursday 26 September 2019.

Given that ABLA's clients are not required to file material in reply until 3 October 2019 and the confined nature of our concerns, we do not expect that they will be prejudiced by the grant of the extension sought.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of our request.

Kind regards,
Ruchi.

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