

Friday, 4 June 2021

The Hon. Justice IJK Ross  
Fair Work Commission  
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Dear Justice Ross,

**Re: AM2018/26 SCHCDS Award – Joint Unions’ response to Employer organisations’ request for varied directions.**

We refer to correspondence of 3 June 2021 from various employer groups in relation to this matter.

The joint position of the Unions in relation to that correspondence is as follows:

1. The Unions oppose the request for the variation of directions on the basis of the matters set out below.
2. These applications have been ongoing for now more than 7 years. The SCHCDS applications for substantive changes were first detailed in 2014 at the commencement of the 4 yearly review process, despite the appearance given by the new 2018 matter number.
3. In its decision of 4 May 2021, the Commission expressed a concluded view over many of the matters which were the subject of the review.
4. Accordingly, the matters about which the Commission has invited a further response are of relatively short compass.
5. Interested parties have been provided 7 weeks to file further material in relation to this relatively short list of issues. This is ample time to respond to the Commission’s requests and provide further material.
6. The possible concerns of the Employer parties in relation to the either the implementation dates or the government funding will not be altered or resolved in a further 2 months – the extension requested.



7. The only other possible reason for an extension would be collection of further evidence from the sector in an attempt to relitigate matters that have already been determined by the decision of 4 May 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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Yours sincerely,



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