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His Honour Justice Ross, President

Fair Work Commission
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Your Honour

HSU is concerned only with the timings proposed in particular for the hearing dates.

Our only industrial officer in the HSU National Office will be on leave until the week commencing 13 July. While there is every intention of changing this position, it that will not happen until we actually move as planned from Sydney to Melbourne. We would normally easily cover such a gap, but at this time the dates would leave us without even the capacity to instruct during the hearings.

We acknowledge this is not usually a matter that should be the Commission's concern, especially given the numbers of parties involved in these proceedings, but we request that the Commission consider the available dates to see if moving the hearings to the week commencing 13 July 2015 is possible.

If such a variation was acceptable, we would proposed that moving all dates by one week will give parties equitable access in each stage to the additional time caused by the move.

Concerning the 'Plain English Draft' of the award lodged by the Pharmacy Guild, HSU has read the submissions made by the SDA and endorses both the submissions and the position articulated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leigh Svendsen', written in a cursive style.

Leigh Svendsen
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