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Good afternoon Ms Bhatt,

The Deputy President has considered the request and has granted the additional time sought.

However, no further extension will be considered by the Deputy President and a report will be prepared for the Full Bench based upon the positions as known as at the **revised due date of 17 March 2023**.

Regards

**Luke Johanson**

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

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Dear Associate,

Please find **attached** our correspondence in relation to the above matter.

Regards,

**Ruchi Bhatt**  
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Dear Deputy President,

**Re. C2019/5259 Review of certain C14 rates in modern awards – The Concrete Products Award 2020 and the Sugar Industry Award 2020 – Report Back**

We refer to the above matter and the statement issued by the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) on 24 January 2023. In particular, at paragraph [7] of the statement, interested parties were directed to advise the Commission of any '*developments, including any agreed and/or revised proposals*' by no later than 17 February 2023.

On 16 February 2023, the Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**) wrote the Commission, requesting an extension of time to report back in relation to the Australian Workers' Union's (**AWU**) proposed variations to the *Concrete Products Award 2020* and the *Sugar Industry Award 2020*, until 3 March 2023. That request was made with the consent of Australian Business Industrial, the NSW Business Chamber (**ABI**) and the AWU. It was granted by the Commission.

Ai Group has been engaging with members about the AWU's proposals in relation to the aforementioned awards and we understand that ABI has done the same. Ai Group and ABI have also discussed the issues that have emerged from that consultation process. We have not, however, had an opportunity to convey those matters to the AWU and, by extension, to explore the key issues with the union.

In the circumstances, we propose that the parties are afforded a period two weeks to hold further discussions, in order to ascertain whether agreement can be reached and / or the issues in dispute can be narrowed.

Representatives of ABI and the AWU have advised that their respective organisations consent to the course of action proposed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'R. Bhatt'.

**Ruchi Bhatt**  
Principal Advocate