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The Hon Justice Ross AO
President
Fair Work Commission
11 Exhibition Street
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Dear Justice Ross

Re. Draft Research Program – *Annual Wage Review 2021-22*

We refer to the Commission's Statement of 18 October 2021 concerning the Draft Research Program for the *Annual Wage Review 2021-22*.

Ai Group supports the Draft Research Program but provides the following suggestion.

Experimental estimates for a Consumer Price Index for low-paid households

The focus on household budgets for 'low-paid' households should be refined to 'low-wage' or 'low-paid-working' households. This is because the ABS already publishes quarterly living cost indexes for aged and other pension recipients who make up the majority of Australia's very low income households.

We look forward to participating in the *Annual Wage Review 2021-22*.

Yours sincerely

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