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**Subject:** AM2020/11 Application to vary the Restaurant Industry Award 2010 [ME-ME.FID5519572]

Dear Associate,

**Re: AM2020/11 Application to vary the Restaurant Industry Award 2010**

I refer to the above matter, and to the Statement issued on 30 March 2020 (**[2020] FWCB 1715**) to the effect that the matter will only proceed to hearing if a submission is received opposing the Application.

As with previous applications, the Minister strongly supports the granting of the application, and notes the similarity between the agreed amendments and those previously granted by the Full Bench in relation to other Awards.

In these circumstances, the Minister does not intend to make a formal submission at this stage, other than to again congratulate RCI, and the UWU and the ACTU, on their preparedness to respond collaboratively to find practical solutions to reduce the hardship suffered by employers and employees created by this extraordinary crisis. In addition, the Minister would like to again thank the Fair Work Commission and, in particular, the Full Bench as constituted for its similar preparedness to respond in a practical, flexible and timely way to this situation.

If a submission opposing the application is received, and a hearing is required, the Minister will immediately provide a comprehensive written submission in support of the Application.

Regards,

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