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His Honour Justice Ross
President
Fair Work Commission
PO Box 1994,
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Via email: AMOD@fwc.gov.au

Dear Your Honour

RE: AM2014/209 - 4 yearly review of modern awards - Pharmacy Industry Award – Substantive Issues

Pursuant to the Statement issued by your Honour on 15 August 2016 seeking comments on the Draft Directions set out in Attachment A of that Statement I write to seek some minor amendments to the proposed timetable for filing of submissions and evidence.

Upon reflection the Association believes that it would be more appropriate for the filing by APESMA of submissions and a list of expert witnesses to be called and an outline of submissions and findings we submit the Commission should make based on the expert evidence to be deferred for two weeks until Monday 13 February 2017.

We also seek a consequential two-week extension of the date by which employer parties are required to file their outlines of submissions and findings they submit the Commission should make until Monday 6 March 2017.

We don't believe that there would be any need to change the currently proposed requirement for APESMA to file submissions in reply by Monday 10 April 2017.

We seek these minor amendments because of the Christmas/New Year and university breaks at that time or the year and we want to be absolutely sure that we will be able to meet the timelines contained in the Directions for filing of documents

We hope you are able to grant this request

Yours sincerely

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