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Subject: Correspondence from Master Plumbers

Good Morning

Please find attached correspondence from Master Plumbers.

Kind regards Penny



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Iain Ross
President
Fair Work Commission
11 Exhibition Street
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By email amod@fwc.gov.au

Dear President

Re: Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers Award 20XX – Exposure Draft Republished 29 January 2020

I write on behalf of Master Plumbers Australia and New Zealand Ltd (**MPANZ**), in reference to the exposure draft of the *Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers Award 20XX (PFS Award ED)* republished by the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) on 29 January 2020.

I also refer to a decision of the Commission ([2020 FWCFB 421], 29 January 2020) in which the Commission asked interested parties to make submissions on the *provisional* view of the Commission expressed in that decision and on the exposure draft and draft determinations attached to that decision.

With respect to the PFS Award ED, MPANZ oppose the Commission finalising the draft determination in its present form and making the *Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers Award 2020 (PFS Award 2020)*.

During the award modernisation process, MPANZ has sought to remove the Industry Specific Redundancy Scheme (**ISRS**). MPANZ has as an alternative sought the variation of the ISRS.

MPANZ maintains the view that the ISRS should not be included in the PFS Award 2020.

It is noted that the position held by MPANZ has not found favour with the Commission during the award modernisation process. However, MPANZ maintains opposition to the inclusion of the ISRS.

In reviewing the PFS Award ED, the following typographical errors have been identified by MPANZ:-

- Clause 2 – Definitions – in the definition of “irrigation installer” the referencing / numbering of the paragraphs should start at (a), not (c);
- Appendix E.1.2 – in the headings in the table there is a duplication of “2nd year”; the second reference to “2nd year” should read “3rd year”.

Whilst MPANZ maintains its opposition to the inclusion of the ISRS in PFS Award 2020, if the Commission were of a mind to make PFS Award 2020, the making of PFS Award 2020 should be subject to the correction of the typographical errors highlighted herein.

Should there be any questions on the comments contained herein please contact Phil Eberhard, Senior Workplace Relations Adviser, Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association of Australia on 03 9321 0720, 0425 790 722 or phil.eberhard@plumber.com.au.

Kind regards,

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