



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**

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Dear Deputy President Booth

I am writing to respond to your email of 17 October 2017, seeking feedback on varying the date of effect of the 10 October 2017 Decision and Determination in AM2014/286. The Department of Social Services (the Department) supports the request of the parties to revise the proposed commencement date for the variations to take effect from 1 July 2018.

As the Fair Work Commission is aware, the Department manages the administration of Supported Wage System (SWS) assessments, including the allocation of assessments to independent wage assessors.

The Department is preparing for implementation, including providing training to the sector and updating the SWS handbook and the SWS guidelines. Work is also underway with the Department of Employment to complete the required Information Technology system upgrades necessary to administer the variations to the SWS.

If the Department can provide any further information to assist the Commission, please feel free to contact Mr Chris D'Souza, Acting Branch Manager, Supported Employment Policy, Access and Engagement Branch, on (02) 6146 5742 or via email [chris.d'souza@dss.gov.au](mailto:chris.d'souza@dss.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Flora Carapellucci".

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20 October 2017