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**Subject:** RE: Supported Employment Services Award - AM2014/286

Importance: High

## Dear Associate

As the most un-resourced interested party to AM2014/286, our workers and their family carers are relying on Our Voice Australia to continue to represent them in this matter, as we have done for the past 4 years .

We support the decision by the Bench not to accept adjournments. We request the dates of 5-6 November remain as scheduled.

Whilst we appreciate that family occasions are very important, our families, nationally, need some security and a final decision to be made in this matter – for their families..

Like Ms. Wilson of AED Legal, I, also have sole carriage of this matter for our executive, our supported employees, their families and carers.

Unlike AED Legal we have no resources, whatsoever.

Because of the FWC scheduled date I have already changed a both before and after the date of 5-6 November, to accommodate that scheduled date of 5-6 November.

It also requires airline travel booking arrangements and accommodation in order to on the scheduled dates.

Our submission, as directed by the Commission, was due on 19<sup>th</sup>. October, but it has been submitted early because of the dates already changed to meet the Commission's busy schedule.

AED Legal and the Union representatives have insisted on a short, swift solution to this matter, which they have instigated.

Their decision not to conciliate and mediate has placed our supported employees, their families and carers at a significant disadvantage.

Some of the issues might have been resolved – and more security might have been felt by our disabled family members- had initial conciliation around the new wage system been agreed to by AED Legal and the Union representatives.

it can be provided.

On behalf of our workers, their families and cares and in the public interest, we formally request that the Hearings not be adjourned.

Sincerely Mary Walsh Our Voice Australia Regional Co-ordinator