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Vice President Watson
Fair Work Commission
11 Exhibition Street
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By email: chambers.watson.vp@fwc.gov.au

Dear Vice President,

Re: AM2015/1 Family and Domestic Violence Clause – request for extension of time

We refer to the above matter and directions issued by the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) on 20 May 2016. Those directions require the Australian Industry Group (**Ai Group**) and any other party opposing the introduction of family and domestic violence leave to file comprehensive written submissions and any witness statements or documentary material on which they seek to rely by 15 September 2016.

Despite our best endeavours, we will regrettably not be in a position to file material in opposition to the claim within the timeframe contemplated by the aforementioned directions. This is primarily due to our involvement in numerous other proceedings in respect of the 4 yearly review of modern awards, which have placed a significant strain on our resources.

In light of this, we respectfully request a short extension of time to file comprehensive written submissions and any witness statements or documentary material on which we seek to rely by close of business on Monday, 19 September 2016. In making this request, we do not anticipate that the grant of the extension of time sought would cause any material prejudice to other interested parties.

Pursuant to discussions with the ACTU in respect of our application, we understand that it consents to our request on the basis that it is granted a commensurate extension of time to file its material in reply.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Smith
Head of National Workplace Relations Policy