



**IN THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION**

**Matter No: AM2016/23**

**Construction Awards**

1. On 17 August 2017 the Full Bench issued a Statement seeking submissions from interested parties.<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to the considering the written and oral submissions of interested parties, on 6 December 2017 the Full Bench issued a further Statement.<sup>2</sup>
2. The Communications, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia- Electrical, Energy and Services Division (ETU) provides the following response in respect of:
  - a. The lift industry allowance; and
  - b. Rationalisation of industry allowances.

*Lift Industry Allowance*

3. The ETU supports the position of the Full Bench to not abolish the lift industry allowance and it to be retained in its current form.<sup>3</sup>
4. The ETU further supports the submission by the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU) opposing the abolition of the lift industry allowance.<sup>4</sup>

*Rationalisation of industry allowances*

5. Regarding the Full Bench categorisation of the existing allowances (excluding the lift industry allowance), the ETU opposes any categorisation of allowances and any proposed sectorial definitions for industry allowances that would negatively impact workers, such as leading to a reduction in wages.
6. The ETU supports the position and concerns outlined by the AMWU and Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (Construction and General Division) in previous submissions.

**The Electrical Trades Union of Australia**

**December 2017**

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<sup>1</sup> [2017] FWCFB 4239.

<sup>2</sup> [2017] FWCFB 6487.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid para [4].

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201623-260-sub-amwu-180917.pdf>