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The Hon. Justice IJK Ross  
Fair Work Commission  
11 Exhibition Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

By email: chambers.ross.j@fwc.gov.au

Dear Justice Ross

**Re. AM2019/17 Finalisation of Exposure Drafts – Tranche 3 – Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010**

We refer to the above matter.

The exposure draft of the *Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010* (**Award**) was republished on 29 January 2020. The award forms part of the 'third tranche' of modern awards being finalised by the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**).

It has come to our attention today that the exposure draft does not reflect substantive changes made to the spread of hours prescribed by the Award as a result of determinations<sup>1</sup> issued by the Commission in the course of the 4 yearly review of modern awards. We refer in particular to the scope of clause 24.2 of the Award as compared to the scope of clause 13.2(b) of the exposure draft, which are substantively different. We note in addition that clause 13.2(e) of the exposure draft reflects a provision of the Award that has been deleted by virtue of the aforementioned determinations. We submit that clause 13.2 of the exposure draft should be amended to reflect the extant clause 24 of the Award.

We acknowledge that this correspondence is filed outside the directions issued by the Commission in respect of the exposure draft. We respectfully seek leave to file and rely upon it, noting that a period of two weeks remains before interested parties are required to file submissions in reply.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> PR703713 and PR703896.