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Dear Commissioner

**Full Bench decision 2 September 2019 [2019] FWCFB 6077 – Finalisation of exposure drafts**

I refer to the above decision which provides an overview of the status of the current 4 yearly review and sets out the process to finalise the exposure drafts in modern awards. In particular I refer to Item 2 – **Finalising the Award phase of the Review (Exposure drafts) - paragraph 24** – which states that exposure drafts were issued in February and March this year and that submissions were received by the Commission in 74 of those exposure drafts. The decision in the table set out in paragraph [24] also indicates that no submissions were received in relation to 44 Exposure drafts, including the Vehicle Manufacturing Repair Services and Retail Award 2010 (**the Vehicle Award**).

Paragraph 25 of the decision goes on to identify the submissions received on a number of exposure drafts in relation to minor errors in the exposure drafts issued by the Commission in March 2019. The Vehicle Award is not listed. Paragraph 26 indicates that a complete list of submissions received is set out in Attachment A of the decision. Again, no submissions are recorded in relation to the Vehicle Award. We also note that the Vehicle Award is listed in Second Tranche of Exposure Drafts to be finalised in Attachment B.

On 10 May 2019 VACC wrote to your chambers seeking the Commission's assistance in implementing previously agreed changes into the current Vehicle Award and requesting a conference to facilitate this. The letter also advised the Commission that the parties were close to resolving outstanding issues flowing from the exposure draft issued on 13 February 2019 and that a list of agreed amendments would be forwarded shortly by the parties to the Commission.

On 29 May 2019, the AMWU forwarded correspondence to the Commission which included the list of agreed changes. Both the above documents are listed on the Commission website. The agreed changes to the February 2019 Vehicle Industry Exposure draft were attached in a link in the email sent by the AMWU.

There was a slight delay in forwarding the amendments to the Commission which was mainly a result of a change in AMWU representation at that time. However, there has been no response from the Commission in relation to the parties' submissions and correspondence.

It would be appreciated if the Commission could provide some clarification on the above issues and if the Commission wishes to discuss any of the agreed / or unresolved matters as included in the parties' correspondence, prior to issuing the final exposure draft of the Vehicle Award on 14 October 2019.

Yours sincerely

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