

25 May 2020

Justice IJK Ross AO
President Fair Work Commission
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By email: Chambers.Ross.j@fwc.gov.au

Dear President

RE: AM2020/12 – VARIATION OF AWARDS ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE COMMISSION ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC AND COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTING AWARD 2010. Proposed COVID-19 Response Schedule

I refer to my correspondence of 22 May 2020 and the ETU's reply of 25 May 2020 opposing the setting of a conference by the Commission.

None of the reasons cited by the ETU (CEPU) in support of its opposition is valid. Certainly, it would not be 'premature' for a conference, conducted by a member of the Commission, to be arranged as requested in my letter. As the Commission is aware, Schedules dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic attached to other awards such as Clerks, Hospitality, Restaurants and Vehicle Manufacturing have an initial expiry date of 30 June 2020.

NECA advised the CEPU in the last conference between the parties that it would be seeking the assistance of the Commission.

It is open to the Commission to issue directions about the exchange of information in preparation for the conference.

Please contact Gordon Jervis on 0400 685 578 if the Commission has any questions.

Yours sincerely



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