

Meeting record

Subcommittee for consultation about an application for a contractual chain order – MS2024/4

Meeting details and participants				
Date	Thursday, 13 March 2025		Time	1 pm AEDT
Location	Fair Work Commission 80 William Street EAST SYDNEY NSW 2011		Conference Room 16 Level 16, Terrace Towers * indicates attendance by MS Teams	
Chair	Peter Anderson		RTAG Member	
Facilitator	Commissioner Scott Connolly		Fair Work Commission	
Attendees	Ashlea Cameron*	ACCI	Senior Policy Adviser, Workplace Relations	
	Brent Ferguson	Ai Group	Head of National Workplace Relations Policy	
	Shaun Kelleher	Ai Group	Workplace Relations Practice Lead (Newcastle & Hunter)	
	Cameron Dunn*	ARTIO	President, Victorian Branch	
	Julian Arndt*	Business NSW ABI	Director, Australian Business Lawyers & Advisors	
	Andrew Eastick*	FedEx Express Australasia	Managing Director – Regional Operations	
	Alan McKenzie*	McKenzie Water	Director	
	Glyn Castanelli*	National Road Freighters Assoc	President	
	Ama Somaratna	TWU	National Legal Officer	
	Philip Boncardo	TWU	Counsel	
	Frank Arcidiaco	Long haul owner driver		
	Keith Stone	Former independent contractor, NSW Ports	Member of TWU NSW Branch Owner Driver Subcommittee Member of TWU Sydney Sub-branch Executive	
	Dr Michael Quinlan*	UNSW	Emeritus Professor of Industrial Relations, School of Management and Governance	
	Jannifer Kerr*	Woolworths Group	Head of Industrial Relations	
	Ben Sommer*	Woolworths Group	Head of Transport Strategy and Partnerships	
Apologies	Laurie D'Apice	ARTIO	President	
	Paul Kahlert	ARTIO	Vice President, Queensland Branch	

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	Nigel Ward	Business NSW Australian Business Industrial (ABI)	CEO + Director, Australian Business Lawyers & Advisors
	Robert Rondinelli	Coles Group	Head of Employee Relations
	David Wojcik	DEA Logistics	
	Warren Clark	National Road Transport Assoc	Chief Executive Officer
	James Morley	Toll Group	Group General Manager, Industrial and Employee Relations
	Lorraine Biviano	TWU	Director – Legal & Industrial Strategy
	Chris Brooks	Woolworths Group	Director, Primary Connect + and Transport
Secretariat	Hargun Khangurha*	Fair Work Commission	
	Ailsa Carruthers*	Fair Work Commission	

Topic		Lead
Welcome and apologies	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed participants. The Chair noted apologies and confirmed meeting participants attending in person and online.	Chair
Confirmation of record of previous meeting	The meeting confirmed the meeting record of 21 February 2025. Moved: Glyn Castanelli Seconded: Brent Ferguson	Chair
'Without prejudice'	The facilitator confirmed that all discussions during subcommittee meetings are 'without prejudice'. The Fair Work Commission (Commission) is facilitating confidential discussions to determine whether subcommittee participants can reach consensus about issues raised in the Order being sought by the Transport Workers' Union of Australia (TWU).	Connolly C
Prioritisation of cases referred to the RTAG	The facilitator confirmed that the subcommittee is considering the substance of orders being sought by the TWU. Discussions are not limited to prioritisation of applications referred by the President of the Commission to the RTAG. The facilitator noted that the RTAG must ultimately form a view to advise the Commission about prioritisation of applications. Participants agreed that discussions about the substance of the Orders being sought may inform the discussion about prioritisation.	Connolly C

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Discussion of application	<p>Participants discussed the application being sought by the TWU, including a draft Order prepared by the TWU that was circulated to participants prior to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants discussed the TWU’s application • TWU confirmed draft Order is a consultation draft for discussion only and confidential, only available to participants unless confirmed otherwise. • TWU undertook to provide an updated consultation draft of the Order 1 week prior to the next meeting on 3 April 2025. • Other participants are invited to provide comments, feedback and/or suggestions in the same timeframe. • FWC will confirm the agenda and record of the 13 March 2025 meeting in advance of the next meeting. • FWC to report back on prioritisation. 	Connolly C
Future meetings	Participants agreed that all future meetings would commence at 1:00 pm.	Connolly C

Meeting schedule

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Location: Conference Room 16

Dates: Thursday, 3 April 2025
Thursday, 1 May 2025
Thursday, 12 June 2025
Thursday 3 July 2025
Thursday, 24 July 2025
Thursday, 14 August 2025