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Dear Associate

**4 yearly review of modern awards – sub-groups 1A and 1B
AM2014/65 –Ambulance and Patient Transport Industry Award 2010 [MA000098]**

We act for Ambulance Victoria.

We refer to our correspondence regarding an extension of time to file submissions regarding the above Modern Award review proceedings. Extension was granted by His Honour Justice Ross at 4:30pm on Thursday, 29 September 2016 for a further period to file submissions by 12 noon on Friday, 30 September 2016. As a result of Friday being a public holiday in Victoria, we were unable to obtain instructions from our client until today. In the circumstances, we respectfully request that His Honour give leave to provide this submission on behalf of Ambulance Victoria in these proceedings.

In respect of the review of the *Ambulance and Patient Transport Industry Award 2010*, Ambulance Victoria wishes to raise the inclusion of the classification of Ambulance Community Officer in Schedule B of the Award as a new B.1.7, with the current classifications B.1.7 - B.1.15 being renumbered accordingly, and with the following definition included:

Ambulance Community Officer (ACO) is a casual employee that has completed a Certificate II Emergency Medical Service - First Responder or equivalent qualification and who provides operational support to AV, including in the provision of immediate emergency ambulance first response and care, on an "as required basis" to their local community in rural and remote locations in Victoria.

Ambulance Victoria considers that, because the ACO is not required to hold any formal tertiary qualifications, and is not required to undertake full paramedic training, the minimum rate of pay for the ACO should sit under the minimum rate of pay for Trainee Clinic Transport Officer in clause 14.1 at approximately the level of a Second Year Administrative Officer Band 1 (\$805.10 per week).

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The fact that there was no classification for the ACO in the *Ambulance and Patient Transport Industry Award 2010* came to Ambulance Victoria's attention during the recent negotiations for the variations and extension of the *Ambulance Victoria Enterprise Agreement 2015* (AG2015/2495). This became problematic when considering this classification for the purposes of the better-off overall test.

Please contact us if you would like further information regarding this submission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Winters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.