

UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA UNION OF EMPLOYEES QUEENSLAND

25 August 2014

Mr M Roche Acting Deputy Commissioner Park Road and Kedron Park Road KEDRON QLD 4031

Dear Mr Roche,

Re: Award Modernisation

QFES wrote to UFUQ on 23 July 2014, and informed us that "QFES is keen to present our version of the modern award for the fire industry" to the QIRC.

The union wrote to you on 25 July 2014 and 8 August 2014 and requested that you provide us with the QFES "version" of a modernised award that you say you are keen to present to the QIRC.

You have not responded to our request and still have not provided us with your "version".

On 14 April 2014 UFUQ provided the fire service with two drafts of the awards which apply to QFES, which we have amended to comply with the "award modernisation" legislation, and detailed tables explaining the amendments.

It is now over 4 months since we provided the 2 draft awards to the fire service and you still haven't provided any response to our material, or arranged to meet with us to discuss it.

You have also written to us and asserted that "the fire industry will not be considered until the latter part of 2015".

We have written to you and requested you explain what you mean by the expression *"fire industry"*, or confirm our understanding that, when you use the expression *"fire industry"*, you mean QFES. You have not responded to that request.

We have also written to you and requested that you advise us, where you got your information from, that the "fire industry will not be considered until the latter part of 2015". You have not responded to that request.

I request that QFES:

- 1. Arrange to meet with UFUQ to discuss the "award modernisation" drafts and explanatory material we sent to you over 4 months ago;
- 2. Provide UFUQ with a copy of the QFES "version" of award modernisation that you have referred to;
- 3. Provide us with an explanation of what QFES mean by the expression *"fire industry"*
- 4. Inform UFUQ where you got your information from regarding the timetable for modernising the awards applicable to QFES.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully

John Oliver State Secretary