



**UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA
UNION OF EMPLOYEES QUEENSLAND**

10th November 2014

Commissioner Knight
Queensland Industrial Relations Commission
GPO Box 373
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Commissioner Knight

Re: Award modernisation conference 7th October 2014.

I refer to the conference held from 2pm on Friday, 7th October 2014 regarding the 'award modernisation process'.

Representation of parties: *Section 319 (2) (ba)*

I am advised that written applications will be made by some parties to the proceedings to be legally represented by a lawyer at QIRC conferences about the 'award modernisation process' relating to the fire and rescue service. I request that UFUQ be provided with a copy of their written applications and provided with an opportunity to respond to the applications.

Industrial Court Matter C39/2014.

I am advised that the question of the making of a modern award to cover auxiliary firefighters was raised during the conference. I confirm that the UFUQ's position is that auxiliary firefighters should be covered by a modern award.

The issue of how to achieve award coverage for auxiliary firefighters under the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*, is currently before Justice Martin of the Queensland Industrial Court in matter number C39/2014.

On that basis, I request that you refrain from dealing with that question during conferences dealing with the 'award modernisation process' until the court determines the matter.

Correspondence from the QIRC to the UFUQ dated 10th September 2014.

I received correspondence from the QIRC regarding the 'award modernisation process' on 10th September 2014. I replied to QIRC on 11th September 2014 and sought advice and information regarding the content of the letter. I have not received a response to our letter.

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I request clarification and advice about the matters raised in our 11th September 2014 letter about the correspondence from QIRC to us dated 10th September 2014.

Part of the clarification we sought related to the QIRC correspondence citing elements of a request made under S140C (1) of the Act, which appeared to be inconsistent with any version of a request, or variations to a request we have viewed.

In addition to assisting with the clarification of the QIRC correspondence of 10th September 2014, we request clarification of the content of the currently varied request relevant to the 'award modernisation process'.

Material filed by UFUQ in the QIRC Registry on 24th September 2014.

In response to the request from the QIRC dated 10th September 2014, UFUQ on 24th September 2014 filed in the QIRC Registry documentation and information we have compiled in the knowledge that the award modernisation process was to occur in 2014/15.

Mr Bond, QIRC manager, advised our Mr Spreckley at the conclusion of the conference on Friday that he had not received or seen the material we filed in the Registry in September.

I arranged for Mr Bond to receive a copy of the material last Friday afternoon *via* email.

I request that the QIRC have particular regard to the information we compiled and filed in the Registry.

Material provided by other parties to the 'award modernisation process'.

UFUQ have received copies from SOU and AMWU of the material they provided to the QIRC in response to the QIRC correspondence of 10th September 2014. No other material has been received by us. I request that QIRC provide UFUQ with any material provided by other parties involved in the process.

Future conferences.

I request that, if possible, these matters be addressed prior to the next conference being listed.

Also, the previous notification we received, caused some confusion, (partly because of the industrial court matter on the same day), and the late receipt of a notice of listing. I request, where possible, that we be provided with notice of listings from the Registry with at least 3 days' notice of a conference, so we can endeavour to arrange our attendance accordingly.

I respectfully appreciate your assistance with these matters.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'John Oliver', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**John Oliver
State Secretary**