



QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

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Dear Mr Oliver,

Thank you for your correspondence / submission dated 20 November 2014. In relation to your concerns, I can advise that:

- I have asked Mr Bond to change the Conference action items heading to reflect your remarks.
- Working group – your comments have been noted.
- ‘Auxiliary firefighters’ - During the last conference and in response to UFUQ’s concerns in relation to a separate application currently before the Industrial Court, I made it clear to the parties that we will deal with ‘Auxiliary firefighters’ in due course but for now we will focus our efforts on the other parts of the Award(s).
- One Award - As previously indicated Vice President Linnane will form a Full Bench to consider submissions lodged by parties to determine the number of awards for Queensland Fire and Emergency Services to apply in the future.
- Timetable – In his letter to the UFUQ, Deputy President Bloomfield indicated that he was directed by the Vice President of the Commission to include the development of a modern award for the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services sector during the course of phase two (2). In this respect, I have provided the parties with the conference dates and will endeavour to meet them.

Lastly, as per your request regarding the nature of communication between the Award Modernisation Team and the Fire Services, I am able to confirm that members of the

team have communicated with QFES on a number of occasions to seek clarification about certain matters contained in the material supplied to the AMOD Team (and distributed to the UFUQ).

The QFES response to these matters has been included in the form of a note in the Exposure Draft. The reasoning of such note has been done to alert all parties about the matters raised. If a similar need arises to clarify a point raised in material supplied by the UFUQ, the AMOD Team will adopt a similar approach.

Regards

Industrial Commissioner Knight
Queensland Industrial Relations Commission