

## UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA UNION OF EMPLOYEES QUEENSLAND

24 November 2014 Ref: MA/2014/60 and MA/2014/61

Deputy President Bloomfield c/o Industrial Registry GPO Box 373 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Deputy President Bloomfield,

## RE: Communications between registry staff/award modernisation team and QFES

UFUQ are currently invited to conferences conducted by Commissioner Knight regarding the "award modernisation process". I have corresponded with Commissioner Knight about our concerns regarding communications between registry staff/award modernisation team and the fire service.

I have advised Commissioner Knight that I will also be contacting you directly as the head of the "award modernisation team".

UFUQ are concerned about communications between registry staff/award modernisation team and the fire service.

In our view, such communications is inappropriate and irregular, particularly when this communications is not divulged to all of the other parties.

Comments indicative of such communications are included in the 1<sup>st</sup> exposure draft, and refer to material other than material distributed by QIRC to UFUQ.

The union requested the fire service to provide the union with the material they had submitted to QIRC, and the fire service did not provide such material to us.

QIRC provided the union copies of 14 industrial instruments, described as submissions from the QFES. The 1<sup>st</sup> exposure draft incorporates material and commentary beyond any material described by QIRC as being submitted any of the parties (including material outside of "standard clauses").

Further, the material includes comments and questions which appear to extend beyond the boundaries of appropriate commentary from the QIRC registry staff/award modernisation team staff.

I have requested that Commissioner Knight provide to UFUQ full disclosure of the process being undertaken between the fire service and the QIRC registry/award modernisation team staff which the UFUQ has been excluded from to date.

STRENGTH

PRIDE

COURAGE

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact our Senior Industrial Officer, Mr John Spreckley on 3844 0366 or email at <u>johnspreckley@ufuq.com.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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