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Dear Vice-President Linnane

**Section 140CA Variation notice – Award modernisation**

As you will be aware, under the pre-election commitment 'Restoring Fairness for Government Workers', the Government pledged to 'reinstate employment conditions for Government workers that were lost as a result of changes to the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*.

Having regard to this, and to ensure that the Government has adequate time to consult with key stakeholders, I request that the Award Modernisation Process be suspended. The Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (the Commission) is to take no further action in relation to award modernisation until further notice. Specifically, I seek to rescind paragraphs 4 to 46 of the consolidated request dated 15 October 2014.

Thank you for your report dated 10 March 2015 noting the progress of the award modernisation process to date and comparing Queensland modern awards with awards modernised under the federal process. This information will assist the Government. I also require a supplementary report which provides a comparative analysis of awards that have been modernised with the pre-modern awards, to identify changes in content. The report is to be available to me by 10 April 2015.

I would like to thank you and the Commission for your dedicated work to date and for your consideration of this matter.

I invite you to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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