

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

Industrial Relations Act 1999

s. 287 - application for declaration of general ruling

s. 288 - application for declaration of policy

Queensland Council of Unions AND Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited, Industrial Organisation of Employers and Others (B/2007/45);

The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland AND Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited, Industrial Organisation of Employers and Others (B/2007/46)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT BLOOMFIELD
COMMISSIONER FISHER
COMMISSIONER THOMPSON

9 July 2007

DECLARATION OF INTENT

- [1] On 27 June 2007 and 2 July 2007, respectively, the Queensland Council of Unions (QCU) and The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland (AWU), filed with the Industrial Registrar applications seeking:
- (i) a \$28.00 wage adjustment for award employees;
 - (ii) a 4.7% adjustment to existing award allowances which relate to work or conditions which have not changed and to service increments;
 - (iii) a \$28.00 adjustment to the Queensland Minimum Wage as it applies to all employees; and
 - (iv) an operative date of 1 September 2007.
- [2] Directions have been issued for the further conduct of these matters. Those directions are as follows:
1. The QCU, AWU and any other registered union of employees in support of applications Matter Nos. B/2007/45 and B/2007/46 are to file and serve on all other parties and intervenors by 23 July 2007:
 - a. submissions in support of the applications;
 - b. affidavits of any witness evidence in support of the applications.
 2. Any intervenor in support of the applications is to file and serve on all other parties and intervenors by 23 July 2007:
 - a. their submissions;
 - b. affidavits of any witness evidence in support of the applications.
 3. All other parties and intervenors opposing the applications are to file and serve on all other parties and intervenors by 30 July 2007:
 - a. their submissions;
 - b. affidavits of any witness evidence in opposition to the applications.
 4. The Queensland Government is to file and serve on all other parties, intervenors, and those opposing the applications, by 6 August 2007:
 - a. their submissions;
 - b. affidavits of any witness evidence either in support of or in opposition to the applications.
 5. All parties and intervenors in support of the applications and those opposing the applications are to file and serve on all those for whom appearances have been entered any material in response to the Queensland Government's material by 13 August 2007.
 6. Subject to paragraph 7 no party or intervenor may file any material after 13 August 2007 unless by leave of the Commission, which leave shall not be granted unless:
 - a. the material relates to economic data, academic studies or reports not available to the party prior to 13 August 2007; or
 - b. there are special circumstances which warrant the filing of such material.

7. There will be liberty to any party to apply on 48 hours notice.
 8. That the matter be heard before the Full Bench, Deputy President Bloomfield, Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Thompson at the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission, Central Plaza 2, Floor 13, 66 Eagle Street, (Cnr Elizabeth and Creek Streets), Brisbane, on Monday, 20 August 2007 and Tuesday, 21 August 2007 (if needed) at Sittings commencing at 10:00 a.m. each day.
- [3] The purpose of this Declaration of Intent is to discharge the duty cast upon us by s. 287(3) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*. A copy of this Declaration of Intent is to be published in the *Queensland Government Industrial Gazette* and the *Courier Mail*. If any person wishes to make submissions about the (possible) general ruling and/or the increase in the Queensland Minimum Wage they are at liberty to do so.
- [4] Any such person supporting the QCU and AWU applications are to file in the Industrial Registry and serve their material no later than 4.00 p.m. on Monday 23 July 2007. Any such person opposing the QCU and AWU applications are to file in the Industrial Registry and serve their material no later than 4.00 p.m. on Monday 30 July 2007. The hearing of the QCU and AWU applications will commence at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 20 August 2007.

Dated 9 July 2007.

A.L. BLOOMFIELD, Deputy President.

G.K. FISHER, Commissioner.

J.M. THOMPSON, Commissioner.

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