

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the Townsville City Council (Queensland Local Government Officers) Certified Agreement 2022 [2022] QIRC 279*

PARTIES: **Townsville City Council**

AND

The Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia, Queensland Branch, Union of Employees

Plumbers & Gasfitters Employees' Union Queensland, Union of Employees

Automotive, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland

The Electrical Trades Union of Employees Queensland

Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees

CASE NO.: CB/2022/59

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an agreement

DELIVERED ON: 25 July 2022

HEARING DATE: 25 July 2022

HEARD AT: Brisbane

MEMBER: Power IC

ORDER: ***The Townsville City Council (Queensland Local Government Officers) Certified Agreement 2022 is certified.***

CATCHWORDS: INDUSTRIAL LAW - QUEENSLAND - AGREEMENTS - Application for certification of an agreement - requirements for certification - Agreement certified

LEGISLATION: *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, s 189, ch 4, pt 5, div 2, sub-divs 2 and 3, s 227 and s 228

APPEARANCES: Ms N Hope of The Local Government Association of Queensland for the Townsville City Council.

Mr J Maguire for the Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees.

Reasons for Decision

- [1] On 6 July 2022, the Townsville City Council ('the Applicant'), pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld) ('the Act'), made an application to certify the *Townsville City Council (Queensland Local Government Officers) Certified Agreement 2022* ('the agreement').
- [2] The named parties to the agreement are the Applicant and the following employee organisation:
- (a) The Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia, Queensland Branch, Union of Employees;
 - (b) Plumbers & Gasfitters Employees' Union Queensland, Union of Employees;
 - (c) Automotive, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland;
 - (d) The Electrical Trades Union of Employees Queensland; and
 - (e) Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees.
- [3] The agreement is signed by all the above-mentioned parties.
- [4] The agreement applies to:
- (a) the Applicant;
 - (b) all employees of the Applicant, employed under the terms of div 2 s 1 of the *Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream A) Award 2017*; and
 - (c) the employee organisations named in paragraph [2] above.

- [5] Having regard to the submissions made by the parties who appeared today and to the affidavit of Dr Prins Ralston, Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant filed on 6 July 2022:
- (a) I am satisfied of each relevant requirement in ch 4 pt 5 div 2 sub-div 2 of the Act; and
 - (b) there is nothing in the agreement which would require me to refuse to grant the application pursuant to ch 4 pt 5 div 2 sub-div 3 of the Act.
- [6] The application to certify the *Townsville City Council (Queensland Local Government Officers) Certified Agreement 2022* is granted.
- [7] The *Townsville City Council (Queensland Local Government Officers) Certified Agreement 2022* operates from the day it is certified, namely, 25 July 2022.
- [8] Although the nominal expiry date of the *Townsville City Council (Queensland Local Government Officers) Certified Agreement 2022* is 30 June 2025, it continues to operate until it is terminated under ss 227 or 228 of the Act.
- [9] I make the following order:

The Townsville City Council (Queensland Local Government Officers) Certified Agreement 2022 is certified.