

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the Department of Education Cleaners' Certified Agreement 2022* [2023] QIRC 158

PARTIES: **State of Queensland (Department of Education)**
AND
United Workers' Union, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland

CASE NO: CB/2023/49

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an Agreement

DELIVERED ON: 30 May 2023

HEARING DATE: 30 May 2023

MEMBER: Knight IC

HEARD AT: Brisbane

ORDERS: ***The Department of Education Cleaners' Certified Agreement 2022 is certified.***

CATCHWORDS: INDUSTRIAL LAW – QUEENSLAND – AGREEMENTS – application for certification of a certified agreement – requirements for certification – agreement certified

LEGISLATION: *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld) ch 4

APPEARANCES: Ms E Rutherford and Ms H McAuliffe for the State of Queensland (Department of Education)

Ms S Caddie and Mr M De Rooy for United Workers' Union, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland

Reasons for Decision

- [1] On 30 May 2023, the State of Queensland (Department of Education) ('the Department') made an application pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld) ('the IR

Act') to certify the *Department of Education Cleaners' Certified Agreement 2022* ('the agreement').

- [2] The named parties to the agreement are the Department and the United Workers' Union, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland ('UWU').
- [3] The agreement is signed by all the above-mentioned parties.
- [4] The Department and UWU appeared today and consented to the present application.
- [5] The agreement applies to cleaners employed by the Department who are covered by the *General Employees (Queensland Government Departments) and Other Employees Award – State 2015*.
- [6] Having regard to the submissions made by the parties who appeared at the hearing today, as well as the affidavit of Helen McAuliffe, Director, Enterprise Bargaining, filed on 15 May 2023:
- I am satisfied of each relevant requirement in ch 4 pt 5 div 2 sub-div 2 of the IR Act; and
 - 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 IR Act.
- [7] The application to certify the agreement is granted. The agreement operates from the day it is certified, being today's date, 30 May 2023.
- [8] Although the nominal expiry date of the agreement is 31 August 2025, it continues to operate until it is terminated under either s 227 or s 228 of the IR Act.
- [9] I make the following order:

The Department of Education Cleaners' Certified Agreement 2022 is certified