

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the WorkCover Employing Office – Certified Agreement 2022 [2023] QIRC 198*

PARTIES: **WorkCover Employing Office**

AND

Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees

CASE NO: CB/2023/60

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an agreement

DELIVERED ON: 5 July 2023

HEARING DATE 5 July 2023

MEMBER: Hartigan DP

HEARD AT: Brisbane

ORDER: ***The WorkCover Employing Office – Certified Agreement 2022 is certified.***

CATCHWORDS: INDUSTRIAL LAW – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – application for certification of an agreement – requirements for certification – agreement certified

LEGISLATION: *Industrial Relations Act 2016 (Qld) ss 189, 227 and 228*

APPEARANCES: Ms E. Wright, Ms R. Eagar and Mr J. Kinnane of the WorkCover Employing Office

Mr D. Goldman of Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees

Reasons for Decision

- [1] On 21 June 2023, the WorkCover Employing Office filed an application pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld) ('the IR Act') to certify the *WorkCover Employing Office – Certified Agreement 2022* ('the agreement').
- [2] The named parties to the agreement are the WorkCover Employing Office and Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees.
- [3] As required by s 189(3) of the IR Act, the application was made within 21 days of the date on which the agreement was signed by the parties.
- [4] The parties bound by the agreement are the WorkCover Employing Office and Employees who are members, or are eligible to become members, of Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees.
- [5] Having regard to the submissions made by the parties who appeared at the hearing of the matter on 5 July 2023, and the material filed, I am satisfied that:
 - (a) each relevant requirement under Ch 4, Pt 5, Sub-Div.2 of the IR Act has been satisfied; and
 - (b) there is nothing in the agreement which would require the Commission to refuse to grant the application under Ch 4, Pt 5, Sub-Div.3 of the IR Act.
- [6] Accordingly, the application to certify the *WorkCover Employing Office – Certified Agreement 2022* is granted.
- [7] The *WorkCover Employing Office – Certified Agreement 2022* operates from the date it was certified, namely 5 July 2023.
- [8] Although the nominal expiry date of the *WorkCover Employing Office – Certified Agreement 2022* is 30 September 2025, the agreement will continue to operate until it is terminated under ss 227 or 228 of the IR Act.
- [9] I make the following order:

The *WorkCover Employing Office – Certified Agreement 2022* is certified.