

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the Balonne Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024 [2025] QIRC 020*

PARTIES: **Balonne Shire Council**

AND

**Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy,
Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland**

**Plumbers & Gasfitters Employees' Union
Queensland, Union of Employees**

**Queensland Services, Industrial Union of
Employees**

**The Australian Workers' Union of Employees,
Queensland**

CASE NO.: CB/2024/104

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an agreement

DELIVERED ON: 24 January 2025

HEARING DATE: 24 January 2025

HEARD AT: Brisbane

MEMBER: Power IC

ORDER: ***The Balonne Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024 is certified.***

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

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

APPEARANCES: Mr P. Spoto for the Balonne Shire Council.

Mr E. Dagleish for the Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland.

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

Mr G. Taylor for The Australian Workers' Union
of Employees, Queensland.

Reasons for Decision

- [1] On 20 December 2024, the Balonne Shire Council, pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld) ('the Act'), made an application to certify the *Balonne Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024* ('the agreement').
- [2] The named parties to the agreement are the Applicant and the following employee organisation:
 - (a) Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland;
 - (b) Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees;
 - (c) The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland; and
 - (d) Plumbers & Gasfitters Employees' Union Queensland, Union of Employees.
- [3] The agreement is signed by all the above-mentioned parties.
- [4] The agreement applies to:
 - (a) the Applicant;
 - (b) the Applicant's employees covered by the classifications contained in the agreement; 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 Mr Graeme Kanofski, Interim Chief Executive Officer filed on 20 December 2024:
 - (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 *Balonne Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024* is granted.

- [7] The *Balonne Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024* operates from the day it is certified, namely, 24 January 2025.
- [8] Although the nominal expiry date of the *Balonne Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024* is 31 August 2027, it continues to operate until it is terminated under ss 227 or 228 of the Act.
- [9] I make the following order:
- 1. The *Balonne Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024* is certified.**