

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Certified Agreement 2024-2028 [2024] QIRC 304*

PARTIES: **Blackall Tambo Regional Council**

AND

The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland

Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland

Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees

CASE NO.: CB/2024/93

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an agreement

DELIVERED ON: 24 December 2024

HEARING DATE: 24 December 2024

HEARD AT: Brisbane

MEMBER: Merrell DP

ORDER: ***The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Certified Agreement 2024-2028 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 S. Mitanis of HR Law for the Blackall Tambo Regional Council.

Mr T. Stephens for The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland.

Mr N. Henderson for the Queensland Services,
Industrial Union of Employees.

Reasons for Decision

- [1] On 10 December 2024, the Blackall Tambo Regional Council ('the Applicant'), pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* ('the Act'), made an application to certify the *Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Certified Agreement 2024-2028* ('the agreement').
- [2] The named parties to the agreement are the Applicant and the following employee organisations:
 - The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland;
 - Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland; and
 - Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees.
- [3] The agreement is signed by all the above-mentioned parties.
- [4] The agreement applies to the Applicant and its employees who are employed in any of the classification levels specified by the agreement and does not apply to any employee appointed to the position of a Senior Officer as defined by the Stream A Award as defined in cl 4.2(a) of the agreement.
- [5] Having regard to the submissions made by the parties who appeared today and to the affidavit of Mr Mike Lollback, Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant, filed on 10 December 2024:
 - I am satisfied of each relevant requirement in ch 4, pt 5, div 2, sub-div 2 of the 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 Act.
- [6] The application to certify the *Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Certified Agreement 2024-2028* is granted.
- [7] The *Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Certified Agreement 2024-2028* operates from the day it is certified, namely, 24 December 2024.
- [8] Although the nominal expiry date of the *Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Certified Agreement 2024-2028* is 26 November 2028, it continues to operate until it is terminated under s 227 or s 228 of the Act.
- [9] I make the following order:

The *Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Certified Agreement 2024-2028* is certified.