

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

*Industrial Relations Act 1999*

s. 287 – application for declaration of general ruling

s. 288 – application for declaration of policy

**The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland AND Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited, Industrial Organisation of Employers and Others (No. B797 of 2001)  
and Queensland Council of Unions AND Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited,  
Industrial Organisation of Employers and Others (No. B904 of 2001);**

PRESIDENT COMMISSIONER HALL

VICE PRESIDENT LINNANE

COMMISSIONER BECHLY

18 July 20

DECLARATION OF INTENT

On 2 May 2001 the Australian Industrial Relations Commission published its decision in what is colloquially known as Safety Net Review – Wages – 2001. On 2 May 2001 The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland filed with the Industrial Registrar an application which, amongst other things, sought to flow the decision of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission into Queensland Awards. On 23 May 2001 the Queensland Council of Unions filed a similar application.

We have perused the decision of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission. We are conscious that in 1997, 1998 1999 and 2000 comparable Safety Net Review (Wages) decisions of the Australian Commission were flowed into State Awards by way of a declaration of a general ruling. We have decided that we should direct our mind to the question whether, as the Queensland Council of Unions and The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland submit, we should flow the Safety Net increases and increases in allowances approved by the Australian Commission into the Queensland system by way of a declaration of general ruling. We make it plain that we have not decided to do so at this stage. The purpose of this declaration is to discharge the duty cast upon us by s. 287(2).

A copy of this declaration is to be published in the *Queensland Government Industrial Gazette*. A copy of the declaration will be given to all persons, natural and artificial, upon whom the initiating applications were served. If any person who has not previously participated in these proceedings communicates an intention to make submissions about the (possible) general ruling, they are at liberty to do so. An outline of any such submission should be filed with the Industrial Registrar no later than 4.00 p.m. on 30 July, 2001. We shall at a date to be fixed hear such oral submissions as are necessary.

Dated this eighteenth day of July, 2001.

D.R. HALL, President.

D.M. LINNANE, Vice President.

R.E. BECHLY, Commissioner.

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