

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

Industrial Relations Act 1999

s. 287 - application for declaration of general ruling

s. 288 - application for declaration of policy

Queensland Council of Unions AND Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited, Industrial Organisation of Employers and Others (B/2008/45);

The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland AND Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited, Industrial Organisation of Employers and Others (B/2008/50)

VICE PRESIDENT LINNANE
DEPUTY PRESIDENT SWAN
COMMISSIONER FISHER

25 June 2008

DECLARATION OF INTENT

[1] On 13 June 2008 and 24 June 2008 respectively, the Queensland Council of Unions (QCU) and The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland (AWU) filed with the Industrial Registrar applications seeking:

- (i) a \$29.00 wage adjustment for award employees;
- (ii) an adjustment to existing award allowances which relate to work or conditions which have not changed and to service increments;
- (iii) a \$29.00 adjustment to the Queensland Minimum Wage as it applies to all employees; and
- (iv) an operative date of 1 September 2008.

[2] Directions have been issued for the further conduct of these matters. Those directions are as follows:

1. That there be a mention of the matter before the Full Bench, Vice President Linnane and Deputy President Swan (Commissioner Fisher absent) at the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission, Central Plaza 2, Floor 13, 66 Eagle Street, (Cnr Elizabeth and Creek Streets), Brisbane, on Friday 4 July 2008 at Sittings commencing at 9:00 a.m.
2. The Applicants and any other registered union of employees in support of applications B/2008/45 and B/2008/50 are to file and serve on all other parties and intervenors for whom appearances have been entered by close of business on 11 July 2008:
 - a. submissions in support of the applications;
 - b. affidavits of any witness evidence in support of the applications.
3. Any intervenor in support of the applications is to file and serve on all other parties and intervenors for whom appearances have been entered by close of business on 11 July 2008:
 - a. their submissions;
 - b. affidavits of any witness evidence in support of the applications.
4. The Queensland Government is to file and serve on all other parties and intervenors for whom appearances have been entered, by close of business on 18 July 2008:
 - a. their submissions;
 - b. affidavits of any witness evidence in support of or in opposition to the applications.
5. All other parties and intervenors opposing the applications are to file and serve on all other parties and intervenors for whom appearances have been entered by close of business on 22 July 2008:
 - a. their submissions;
 - b. affidavits of any witness evidence in opposition to the applications.
6. The Applicants and any parties or intervenors in support of the applications are to file and serve any reply on all other parties and intervenors for whom appearances have been entered by 9.00 a.m. on 28 July 2008.

7. Each party and/or intervenor opposing the applications is to file and serve on the Applicants and all other parties or intervenors for whom appearances have been entered, any material in response to the Applicants' replies by close of business on 29 July 2008.
 8. No party or intervenor may file any material after close of business on 29 July 2008 unless by leave of the Commission, which leave shall not be granted unless:
 - a. the material relates to economic data, academic studies or reports not available to the party prior to 29 July 2008; or
 - b. there are special circumstances which warrant the filing of such material.
 9. There will be liberty to any party to apply on 48 hours notice.
 10. That the matter be heard before the Full Bench, Vice President Linnane, Deputy President Swan and Commissioner Fisher at the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission, Central Plaza 2, Floor 13, 66 Eagle Street, (Cnr Elizabeth and Creek Streets), Brisbane, on Thursday 31 July 2008 at Sittings commencing at 8:30 a.m.
- [3] The purpose of this Declaration of Intent is to discharge the duty cast upon us by s. 287(3) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*. A copy of this Declaration of Intent is to be published in the *Queensland Government Industrial Gazette* and the *Courier Mail*. If any person wishes to make submissions about the (possible) general ruling and/or the increase in the Queensland Minimum Wage they are at liberty to do so.
- [4] Any such person supporting the QCU and AWU applications are to file in the Industrial Registry and serve their material no later than close of business on Friday 11 July 2008. Any such person opposing the QCU and AWU applications are to file in the Industrial Registry and serve their material no later than close of business on Tuesday 22 July 2008. The hearing of the QCU and the AWU applications will commence at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday 31 July 2008.

Dated 25 June 2008.

D.M. LINNANE, Vice President.

D.A. SWAN, Deputy President.

G.K. FISHER, Commissioner.

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