

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the Ipswich City Council
Local Government Employees Certified
Agreement 2024 [2025] QIRC 148*

PARTIES: **Ipswich City Council**

AND

**The Electrical Trades Union of Employees
Queensland**

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

**Automotive, Metals, Engineering, Printing
and Kindred Industries Industrial Union of
Employees, Queensland**

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

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

**Transport Workers' Union of Australia,
Union of Employees (Queensland Branch)**

CASE NO: CB/2025/29

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an agreement

DELIVERED ON: 2 June 2025

HEARING DATE: 2 June 2025

MEMBER: O'Connor VP

HEARD AT: Brisbane

ORDER: ***The Ipswich City Council Local Government Employees Certified Agreement 2024 is certified.***

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

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

APPEARANCES: Ms R. Corney and Mr K. Ryalls for Ipswich City Council

Ms C. Taylor for the Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland

Ms E Eaves for Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland

Reasons for Decision

[1] On 9 May 2025, the Ipswich City Council (Council) ('the Applicant') applied, pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act* 2016 ('the Act'), to certify the *Ipswich City Council Local Government Employees Certified Agreement 2024* ('the agreement').

[2] The named organisations to the agreement are the applicant and the following employee organisations:

- The Electrical Trades Union of Employees Queensland
- The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland
- Automotive, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland
- Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland

- Plumbers & Gasfitters Employees' Union Queensland, Union of Employees
- Transport Workers' Union of Australia, Union of Employees

- [3] The agreement has the approval of all the above-mentioned parties.
- [4] The agreement applies to the employees covered by the classifications contained in the agreement as prescribed in *Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream B) Award – State 2017* and *Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream C) Award – State 2017*
- [5] Having regard to the submissions made by the parties who appeared today and to the affidavit of Sonia Cooper, Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant filed on 9 May 2025
- I am satisfied of each relevant requirement in ch4, pt5 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 ch4, pt 5, di 2, sub-div 3 of the Act.
- [6] The application to certify the *Ipswich City Council Local Government Employees Certified Agreement 2024* is granted
- [7] The *Ipswich City Council Local Government Employees Certified Agreement 2024* operates from the day it is certified, namely 2 June 2025.
- [8] Although the nominal expiry date of the *Ipswich City Council Local Government Employees Certified Agreement 2024* is 1 July 2027, it continues to operate until it is terminated under s 227 or s 228 of the Act.
- [9] I make the following order:

The *Ipswich City Council Local Government Employees Certified Agreement 2024* is certified.