

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the Murweh Shire Council Certified Agreement 2025 [2026] QIRC 039*

PARTIES: **Murweh Shire Council**

AND

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

The Electrical Trades Union of Employees Queensland

Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees

CASE NO.: CB/2026/3

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an agreement

DELIVERED ON: 17 February 2026

HEARING DATE: 17 February 2026

HEARD AT: Brisbane

MEMBER: Merrell DP

ORDER: ***The Murweh Shire Council Certified Agreement 2025 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 for the Murweh Shire Council.

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

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

Reasons for Decision

- [1] On 13 January 2026, the Murweh Shire Council ('the Applicant'), pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* ('the Act'), made an application to certify the *Murweh Shire Council Certified Agreement 2025* ('the agreement').
- [2] The named parties to the agreement are the Applicant and the following employee organisations:
- 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;
 - The Electrical Trades Union of Employees Queensland; and,
 - Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees.
- [3] The agreement is signed by all the above-mentioned parties other than the Automotive, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industry Union of Employees, Queensland and The Electrical Trades Union of Employees Queensland. Despite this, I am satisfied from correspondence received from both of those organisations that both organisations agree to be parties to the agreement.
- [4] Having regard to the submissions made by the parties who appeared today and to the affidavit of Mr Bruce Scott, Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant, filed on 13 January 2026:
- 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.
- [5] The application to certify the *Murweh Shire Council Certified Agreement 2025* is granted.

- [6] The *Murweh Shire Council Certified Agreement 2025* operates from the day it is certified, namely, 17 February 2026.
- [7] Although the nominal expiry date of the *Murweh Shire Council Certified Agreement 2025* is 29 September 2029, it continues to operate until it is terminated under s 227 or s 228 of the Act.
- [8] I make the following order:

The *Murweh Shire Council Certified Agreement 2025* is certified.