

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the Scenic Rim Regional Council
Certified Agreement 2026 [2026] QIRC 278*

PARTIES: **Scenic Rim Regional Council**

AND

**The Association of Professional Engineers,
Scientists and Managers, Australia,
Queensland Branch, Union of Employees**

AND

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

AND

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

AND

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

AND

**Queensland Services, Industrial Union of
Employees**

AND

**Transport Workers Union, Union of
Employees, Queensland Branch**

CASE NO: CB/2026/69

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an agreement

DELIVERED ON: 4 September 2026

HEARING DATE: 4 September 2026

MEMBER: Pidgeon IC

HEARD AT: Brisbane

ORDER: ***The Scenic Rim Regional Council Certified Agreement 2026 is certified.***

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

LEGISLATION: *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, ss 189, 227, 228

APPEARANCES: Mr J Myburgh of HR Law on behalf of Scenic Rim Regional Council

Mr T Stephens on behalf of Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland

Mr D Skelton on behalf of Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees

Reasons for Decision

- [1] On 20 August 2026, Scenic Rim Regional Council ('the Applicant'), pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld) ('the Act'), made an application to certify the *Scenic Rim Regional Council Certified Agreement 2026* ('the agreement').
- [2] As required by s 189(3) of the Act, the application was made within 21-days of the date on which the agreement was made.
- [3] The named parties to the agreement are the Applicant; The Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia, Queensland Branch, Union of Employees; 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; Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees; Transport Workers Union, Union of Employees, Queensland Branch.
- [4] The agreement is signed by all the above-mentioned parties apart from The Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia, Queensland Branch, Union of Employees and the Automotive, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland.¹ The agreement is to apply to the

¹ While the Automotive, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland ('the AMWU') have not signed the agreement, in correspondence dated 25 August 2026, stated that 'the AMWU agrees to the terms of the new Agreement and wishes to be a party to and covered by the agreement.

parties and the Applicant's employees covered by the classifications contained in the agreement.

[5] Having regard to the submissions made by the parties who appeared today,² and to the affidavit of Mr David Keenan, Chief Executive Officer of Scenic Rim Regional Council, affirmed on 6 August 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.

[6] The application to certify the *Scenic Rim Regional Council Certified Agreement 2026* is granted.

[7] The *Scenic Rim Regional Council Certified Agreement 2026* operates from the day it is certified, namely 4 September 2026.

[8] Although the nominal expiry date of the agreement is 30 June 2028, it continues to operate until it is terminated under s 227 or s 228 of the Act.

[9] I make the following order:

1. **The *Scenic Rim Regional Council Certified Agreement 2026* is certified.**

Further, we advise that we do not seek to raise any objections to the certification or termination of the abovementioned, should the Commission be minded doing so.'

² I note the correspondence of Mr Rohan Webb, State Secretary of the AMWU dated 25 August 2026 stating that the AMWU would be unable to attend the hearing of the matter but consent to the application for the termination; I also note the correspondence of the same date of Mr Richard Olsen, Branch Secretary of the Transport Workers Union, Union of Employees, Queensland Branch ('the TWU') and the letter of Mr P Dunbar, Industrial Officer of the Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland ('CFMEU') dated 4 September 2026 advising the same.