

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2026* [2026] QIRC 308

PARTIES: **Somerset Regional Council**

AND

Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees

CASE NO: CB/2026/73

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an agreement

DELIVERED ON: 29 September 2026

HEARING DATE: 29 September 2026

HEARD AT: Brisbane

MEMBER: Dwyer IC

ORDER: ***The Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2026 is certified.***

CATCHWORDS: INDUSTRIAL LAW – QUEENSLAND – AGREEMENTS – Application for certification of an agreement – Requirements for certification – Agreement certified.

LEGISLATION: *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld), s 189, ch 4, pt 5, div 2, sub-divs 2 and 3, s 227 and s 228

APPEARANCES: Ms A Farmer of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and Ms B March for Somerset Regional Council

Mr D Knight and Mr C Smith for the Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees (QSU)

Reasons for Decision

- [1] On 28 August 2026, the *Somerset Regional Council* ('the Applicant'), pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld) ('the IR Act'), made an application to certify the *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2026* ('the agreement').
- [2] The named parties to the agreement are the Applicant and the following employee organisations:
 - (a) Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees
- [3] The agreement is signed by all the above-mentioned parties.
- [4] The agreement applies to:
 - (a) the Applicant;
 - (b) the Applicant's employees covered by the classifications contained in the agreement; and
 - (c) the employee organisations named in paragraph [2] above.
- [5] Having regard to the submissions made by the parties who appeared today and to the affidavit of Mr Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer for the Applicant, filed on 28 August 2026:
 - (a) I am satisfied of each relevant requirement in ch 4 pt 5 div 2 sub-div 2 of the Act; and
 - (b) 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 *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2026* is granted.
- [7] The *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2026* operates from the day it is certified, namely, 29 September 2026.
- [8] Although the nominal expiry date of the *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2026* is 30 June 2029, it continues to operate until it is terminated under ss 227 or 228 of the Act.
- [9] I make the following order:
 - 1. The *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2026* is certified.**