QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION:	*In the making of the South Bank Employing Office Certified Agreement 2026* [2026] QIRC 336
PARTIES:	**South Bank Employing Office** AND **Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees** **United Workers' Union, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland**
CASE NO:	CB/2026/94
PROCEEDING:	Application for certification of an agreement
DELIVERED ON:	22 October 2026
HEARING DATE:	22 October 2026
MEMBER:	O'Neill IC
HEARD AT:	Brisbane
ORDER:	**The *South Bank Employing Office 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* (Qld), s 189, s 227 and s 228 *Industrial Relations (Tribunals) Rules 2011* r 93

APPEARANCES: Ms R. Jensen for South Bank Employing Office

Reasons for Decision

[1] On 2 October 2026, the South Bank Employing Office ('the Applicant') , pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* ('the Act'), made an application to certify the *South Bank Employing Office Certified Agreement 2026* ('the certified agreement').

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

- Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees; and
- United Workers' Union, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland.

[3] The agreement is signed by all the above-mentioned parties.

[4] On 14 October 2026, the United Workers' Union ('UWU') wrote to the Commission and sought leave to be excused from appearing. On 19 October 2026, Together Queensland also wrote to the Commission and sought leave to be excused from appearing. The UWU and Together Queensland both confirmed their respective support for the termination of the current agreement and the certification of the new agreement. On this basis the appearance of both unions is excused.

[5] The agreement applies to:

- The Applicant;
- Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees;
- United Workers' Union, Industrial Union of Employees, Queensland; and
- Employees, for whom classifications and rates of pay are prescribed by the Certified Agreement.

[6] Having regards to the submissions made by the parties who appeared today and to the affidavit of Julia Scodellaro, Chief Executive Officer filed on 2 October 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, sub-div 3 of the Act.

[7] There is another issue to be addressed relating to an irregularity with the filing of the application. Section 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld) ('the Act') deals with applications for certification of an agreement. Pursuant to s 189 sub-section 3, if an agreement has been signed by all parties, the application must be made within 21 days after the agreement is signed.

[8] The proposed 2026 agreement was signed by the final party on 10 September 2026. In accordance with s 189(3) of the Act, the application was to be made by 1 October 2026.

[9] Email correspondence dated 9 October 2026 was received from Ms Rachel Jensen, Senior Manager, Human Resources from the South Bank Corporation which confirms that the application was physically delivered to the Industrial Registry on 1 October 2026. Due to some issues with the Form 50 Notice of Intention to Terminate, the documents were not filed until 2 October 2026, that is, one day out of time.

[10] In the email correspondence Ms Jensen requests an extension to the period of one day.

[11] Pursuant to rule 93 of the *Industrial Relations (Tribunals) Rules 2011* the Commission has power to extend or shorten the time period prescribed for doing anything.

[12] The application for the extension is not opposed by any party and indeed as earlier noted, the respondent unions have consented to the certification of the new agreement.

[13] Given those circumstances I grant the application for an extension and the time for filing the application is extended to 2 October 2026.

[14] The application to certify the *South Bank Employing Office Certified Agreement 2026* is granted.

[15] The *South Bank Employing Office Certified Agreement 2026* operates from the day it is certified, namely 22 October 2026.

[16] Although the nominal expiry date of the *South Bank Employing Office Certified Agreement 2026* is 28 February 2029, it continues to operate until it is terminated under s 227 or s 228 of the Act.

[17] I make the following order:

The *South Bank Employing Office Certified Agreement 2026* is certified.