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MARITIME AWARD - BRISBANE RIVER AND MORETON BAY 2003

Following the Declaration of the General Ruling in the 2010 State Wage Case (matter numbers B/2010/20 and B/2010/21), the Maritime Award - Brisbane River and Moreton Bay 2003 is hereby reprinted, pursuant to s. 698 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*.

I hereby certify that the Award contained herein is a true and correct copy of the Maritime Award - Brisbane River and Moreton Bay 2003 as at 1 September 2010.

Dated 1 November 2010.

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Industrial Registrar

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PART 1 - APPLICATION AND OPERATION

1.1 Title

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1.3 Application of Award

1.3.1 This Award shall apply to deck hands and youths employed on vessels plying in the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay other than employees of the State of Queensland, the Brisbane City Council, the Queensland Cement and Lime Company Limited, and employees on the craft owned or controlled by Hayles' Cruises Pty. Limited.

1.3.2 When tugs are engaged in sea towage of vessels from port to port within the Commonwealth, the coastal rates of wages and conditions of the relevant Federal award shall apply.

1.4 Date of operation

This Award takes effect from 12 May 2003.

1.5 Parties bound

This Award is legally binding upon the employees as prescribed by clause 1.3 and their employers, and the Union and its members.

1.6 Definitions

1.6.1 The "Act" means the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended or replaced from time to time.

1.6.2 "Commission" means the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

1.6.3 "Union" means the Seamen's Union of Australasia, Queensland Branch, Union of Employees.

PART 2 - FLEXIBILITY

2.1 Enterprise flexibility

- 2.1.1 As part of a process of improvement in productivity and efficiency, discussion should take place at each enterprise to provide more flexible working arrangements, improvement in the quality of working life, enhancement of skills, training and job satisfaction and to encourage consultative mechanisms across the workplace.
- 2.1.2 The consultative processes established in an enterprise in accordance with clause 2.1 may provide an appropriate mechanism for consideration of matters relevant to clause 2.1.1. Union delegates at the place of work may be involved in such discussions.
- 2.1.3 Any proposed genuine agreement reached between an employer and employee/s in an enterprise is contingent upon the agreement being submitted to the Commission in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Act and is to have no force or effect until approval is given.

PART 3 - COMMUNICATION, CONSULTATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

3.1 Grievance and dispute settling procedure

The matters to be dealt with in this procedure shall include all grievances or disputes between an employee and an employer in respect to any industrial matter and all other matters that the parties agree on and are specified herein. Such procedures shall apply to a single employee or to any number of employees.

- 3.1.1 In the event of an employee having a grievance or dispute the employee shall in the first instance attempt to resolve the matter with the immediate supervisor, who shall respond to such request as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances. Where the dispute concerns alleged actions of the immediate supervisor the employee(s) may bypass this level in the procedure.
- 3.1.2 If the grievance or dispute is not resolved under clause 3.1.1, the employee or the employee's representative may refer the matter to the next higher level of management for discussion. Such discussion should, if possible, take place within 24 hours after the request by the employee or the employee's representative.
- 3.1.3 If the grievance involves allegations of unlawful discrimination by a supervisor the employee may commence the grievance resolution process by reporting the allegations to the next level of management beyond that of the supervisor concerned. If there is no level of management beyond that involved in the allegation the employee may proceed directly to the process outlined at clause 3.1.5.
- 3.1.4 If the grievance or dispute is still unresolved after discussions mentioned in clause 3.1.2, the matter shall, in the case of a member of a Union, be reported to the relevant officer of that Union and the senior management of the employer or the employer's nominated industrial representative. An employee who is not a member of the Union may report the grievance or dispute to senior management or the nominated industrial representative. This should occur as soon as it is evident that discussions under clause 3.1.2 will not result in resolution of the dispute.
- 3.1.5 If, after discussion between the parties, or their nominees mentioned in clause 3.1.4, the dispute remains unresolved after the parties have genuinely attempted to achieve a settlement thereof, then notification of the existence of the dispute is to be given to the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 3.1.6 Whilst all of the above procedure is being followed, normal work shall continue except in the case of a genuine safety issue.
- 3.1.7 The *status quo* existing before the emergence of the grievance or dispute is to continue whilst the above procedure is being followed.
- 3.1.8 All parties to the dispute shall give due consideration to matters raised or any suggestion or recommendation made by the Commission with a view to the prompt settlement of the dispute.
- 3.1.9 Any Order or Decision of the Commission (subject to the parties' right of appeal under the Act) will be final and binding on all parties to the dispute.
- 3.1.10 Discussions at any stage of the procedure shall not be unreasonably delayed by any party, subject to acceptance that some matters may be of such complexity or importance that it may take a reasonable period of time for the appropriate response to be made. If genuine discussions are unreasonably delayed or hindered, it shall be open to any party to give notification of the dispute in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

PART 4 - EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEES' DUTIES, EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Contract of employment

4.1.1 Employees (other than casual employees) covered by this Award shall be advised in writing of their employment category upon engagement.

Employment categories are:

- (a) full-time;
- (b) part-time (as prescribed in clause 4.2); or
- (c) casual (as prescribed in clause 4.3).

4.2 Part-time employment

4.2.1 A part-time employee is an employee who:

- (a) is employed for not less than 16 hours per week and for not more than 32 ordinary hours per week; and
- (b) is rostered for a minimum of 4 consecutive hours on any shift or day.

4.2.2 At the time of engagement the employer and the part-time employee will agree in writing the number of ordinary hours worked each week.

4.2.3 Any agreed amendment to the number of ordinary hours worked will be recorded in writing.

4.2.4 All time worked outside the ordinary daily and weekly hours specified in the employee's roster will be overtime and paid for at the rates prescribed in clause 6.2.

4.2.5 A part-time employee must be paid for ordinary hours worked at the rate of 1/40th of the weekly rate prescribed for the class of work performed.

4.2.6 A part-time employee will receive proportionate pay and employment conditions to those of full-time employees.

4.2.7 Where a public holiday falls on a day upon which an employee is normally employed, that employee shall be paid the appropriate rate for the number of hours normally worked on that day. An employee's regular roster will not be altered to avoid this obligation.

4.2.8 Where an employee and their employer agree in writing, part-time employment may be converted to full-time, and vice-versa on a permanent basis or for a specified period of time. If such an employee transfers from full-time to part-time (or vice-versa), all accrued award and legislative entitlements shall be maintained. Following transfer to part-time employment accrual will occur in accordance with the provisions relevant to part-time employment.

4.3 Casual employees

4.3.1 Casual employees shall be paid at the rate of ordinary time, plus 23%, with a minimum of 4 hours employment.

4.3.2 Any person working 36 ordinary working hours or over shall not be deemed a casual.

4.3.3 A casual employee shall, where possible, be given notice of termination before ceasing work.

4.4 Termination of employment

4.4.1 Statement of employment

The employer shall, in the event of termination of employment, provide upon request to an employee who has been terminated a written statement specifying the period of employment and the classification or type of work performed by the employee.

4.4.2 Termination by employer

- (a) In order to terminate the employment of an employee the employer shall give the following notice:

Period of Continuous Service	Period of Notice
not more than 1 year	1 week
more than 1 year, but not more than 3 years	2 weeks
more than 3 years, but not more than 5 years	3 weeks
more than 5 years	4 weeks

(b) In addition to the notice in clause 4.4.2(a), employees over 45 years of age at the time of giving of notice and with not less than 2 years' continuous service, shall be entitled to an additional week's notice.

(c) Payment in lieu of notice shall be made if the appropriate notice is not given:

Provided that employment may be terminated by part of the period of notice specified and part payment in lieu thereof.

(d) In calculating any payment in lieu of notice the ordinary time rate of pay for the employee concerned shall be used.

(e) The period of notice in clause 4.4.2 shall not apply in the case of dismissal for misconduct or other grounds that justify instant dismissal, or in the case of casual employees, or employees engaged for a specific period of time or for a specific task or tasks.

(f) In order to terminate the employment of an employee in their first 3 months of employment, the employer is required to give the employee 24 hours' notice, or payment in lieu thereof.

4.4.3 *Notice of termination by employee*

The notice of termination required to be given by an employee is 24 hours' notice. If an employee fails to give notice the employer shall have the right to withhold monies due to the employee with a maximum amount equal to the ordinary time rate for the period of notice.

4.5 Continuity of service - transfer of calling

In cases where a transfer of calling occurs, continuity of service should be determined in accordance with sections 67-71 of the Act, as amended from time to time.

4.6 Anti-discrimination

4.6.1 It is the intention of the parties to this Award to prevent and eliminate discrimination, as defined by the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* and the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended from time to time, which includes:

(a) discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status, family responsibilities, pregnancy, parental status, age, race, impairment, religion, political belief or activity, trade union activity, lawful sexual activity and association with, or relation to, a person identified on the basis of any of the above attributes;

(b) sexual harassment; and

(c) racial and religious vilification.

4.6.2 Accordingly, in fulfilling their obligations under the grievance and dispute settling procedure in clause 3.1, the parties to this Award must take reasonable steps to ensure that neither the Award provisions nor their operation are directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects.

4.6.3 Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.

4.6.4 Nothing in clause 4.6 is to be taken to affect:

(a) any different treatment (or treatment having different outcomes) which is specifically exempted under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*;

(b) an employee, employer or registered organisation, pursuing matters of discrimination, including by application to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission/Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland.

4.7 Cleaning of quarters

The quarters shall be cleaned during working hours.

PART 5 - WAGES AND WAGE RELATED MATTERS.

5.1 Wages

5.1.1 The minimum rates of wages payable to employees shall be:

	Per week \$
Boating attendant/Deck hand	588.20

Wages - The minimum rate of wages for junior employees shall be the following percentage of the rate prescribed for Boating attendant/Deck hand.

	Percentage %
Under 17 years of age	55
17 years and under 18 years	65
18 years and under 19 years	75
19 years and under 20 years	85

and thereafter not less than the minimum rate provided for an adult employee.

NOTE: The rates of pay in this Award are intended to include the arbitrated wage adjustment payable under the 1 September 2010 Declaration of General Ruling and earlier Safety Net Adjustments and arbitrated wage adjustments. This arbitrated wage adjustment may be offset against any equivalent amount in rates of pay received by employees whose wages and conditions of employment are regulated by this Award which are above the wage rates prescribed in the Award. Such payments include wages payable pursuant to certified agreements, currently operating enterprise flexibility agreements, Queensland workplace agreements, award amendments to give effect to enterprise agreements and overaward arrangements. Absorption which is contrary to the terms of an agreement is not required.

Increases made under previous State Wage Cases or under the current Statement of Principles, excepting those resulting from enterprise agreements, are not to be used to offset arbitrated wage adjustments.

5.1.2 Junior rates shall be calculated in multiples of 10 cents with any result of 5 cents or more being taken to the next highest 10 cent multiple.

PART 6 - HOURS OF WORK, BREAKS, OVERTIME, WEEKEND WORK

6.1 Hours of work

6.1.1 The ordinary working hours for employees, other than employees on tugs, shall not exceed 40 per week, to be worked in shifts not exceeding 8 hours, exclusive of meal hours, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on not more than 6 out of every 7 consecutive days:

6.1.2 There shall not be any break in the ordinary working hours on any day except a break for a meal, which shall not exceed one hour.

6.1.3 *Employees on tugs*

The ordinary working hours of employees on tugs shall not exceed 40 per week, to be worked in shifts not exceeding 8 consecutive hours, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays.

6.1.4 Employees, with the exception of those employed on tugs, shall not be required to work more than 5 hours without a break of one hour for a meal. If no break is allowed after 5 hours have been worked, employees shall be paid for one hour at overtime rates:

Provided that in the case of employees in tugs no time shall be allowed for any meal hour nor shall any overtime be paid in lieu thereof provided that any employee, if the tug's engagements so permit, may with the permission of the Master of the tug or in his/her absence the Engineer, be allowed to be absent from duty for a period first stated by the Master or Engineer and such period of absence shall not be deemed to be any part of the working hours or day and no wage or allowance shall be paid or received for any such period or periods of absence.

6.1.5 All time worked in excess of the ordinary working hours specified in clause 6.1 shall be deemed overtime, and shall be paid for at the rates prescribed herein.

6.2 Stand off

Employees shall not be asked to stand off for less than 4 hours:

Provided that in the case of employees in tugs such employees shall not be asked to stand off for less than 6 hours.

6.3 Overtime

6.3.1 All overtime, except as hereinafter provided, shall be paid for at one and a-half times the ordinary rate for the first 3 hours, after which double time shall be paid until the ordinary starting time next morning. Overtime rates shall be paid where employees work overtime between 6.00 a.m. and the usual starting time.

6.4 Call out

6.4.1 A "call out" shall be counted as 3 hours, providing that such "call out" is outside the ordinary hours of labour.

6.4.2 In the case of employees in tugs a "call out" shall be counted as of not less than 3 hours' duration providing that such "call out" is outside the ordinary hours of labour. A "call out" on a Sunday or duly prescribed holiday shall be counted as of not less than 5 hours' duration.

6.5 Meal hours

6.5.1 On all vessels with the exception of tugs the meal hours shall be:

(a) Breakfast - Any one hour between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

(b) Dinner - Any one hour between 12 noon and 2.15 p.m.

6.5.2 Where employees, with the exception of those employed on tugs, are required to continue working after 6 p.m. they shall be allowed one hour for tea immediately following 6 p.m.

6.5.3 In the case of an excursion vessel returning alongside a wharf between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., the provision for tea hour shall not apply.

6.5.4 If any employee is called upon to work during a meal hour they shall be paid overtime rates for the time worked during the meal hour.

6.6 Sunday work

For the work performed on Sundays employees on tugs shall be paid at the rate of double time with a minimum payment of 5 hours

6.7 General

6.7.1 When the week's time is broken by signing the crew on coastal articles, time worked prior to the signing on in that week, if less than 40 hours have been worked, shall be paid at casual rates.

6.7.2 When tugs are actually engaged in towing work in Brisbane River or Moreton Bay, time shall be counted from the time each employee arrives on board until the time of leaving the vessel.

PART 7 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

7.1 Annual leave

7.1.1 Every employee (other than a casual employee) shall at the end of each year of their employment be entitled to not less than 4 weeks' annual leave on full pay.

7.1.2 Such annual leave shall be exclusive of any public holiday which may occur during the period of that annual leave and (subject to clause 7.1.6) shall be paid for by the employer in advance:

(a) In the case of any and every employee in receipt immediately prior to that leave of ordinary wages at a rate in excess of the ordinary rate payable under clause 5.1, at that excess rate; and

(b) In every other case, at the ordinary time rate of pay payable under clause 5.1 to the employee concerned immediately prior to that leave.

7.1.3 If the employment of any employee is terminated at the expiration of a full year of employment, the employer

shall be deemed to have given the leave to the employee from the date of the termination of the employment and shall immediately pay to the employee, in addition to all other amounts due to them, their pay, calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.6, for 4 weeks and also their ordinary time rate of pay for any public holiday occurring during such period of 4 weeks.

7.1.4 If the employment of any employee is terminated before the expiration of a full year of employment, such employee shall be paid, in addition to all other amounts due, an amount equal to 1/12th of their pay for the period of their employment, calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.6.

7.1.5 Unless the employee shall otherwise agree, the employer shall give the employee at least 14 days' notice of the date from which such employee's annual leave shall be taken.

7.1.6 *Calculation of annual leave pay*

In respect to annual leave entitlements to which clause 7.1 applies, annual leave pay (including any proportionate payments) shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Subject to clause 7.1.6(b), in no case shall the payment by an employer to an employee be less than the sum of the following amounts:

(i) The employee's ordinary wage rate as prescribed in clause 5.1 for the period of the annual leave (excluding weekend penalty rates); and

(ii) A further amount calculated at the rate of 17 1/2% of the amount referred to in clause 7.1.6(a)(i).

(b) Clause 7.1.6(a) does not apply to:

(i) any period or periods of annual leave exceeding 4 weeks; and

(ii) employers who are already paying an annual leave bonus, loading or other annual leave payment which is not less favourable to employees.

7.2 **Sick leave**

7.2.1 *Entitlement*

(a) Every employee, except casuals, pieceworkers, and school based apprentices and trainees, is entitled to 64 hours' sick leave for each completed year of their employment with their employer.

(b) This entitlement will accrue at the rate of 8 hours' sick leave after each 6 weeks of employment, to maximum of 64 hours per year.

(c) Payment for sick leave will be made based on the ordinary number of hours that would have been worked by the employee if they were not absent on sick leave.

(d) Sick Leave may be taken for part of a day.

(e) Sick leave shall be cumulative, but unless the employer and employee otherwise agree, no employee shall be entitled to receive, and no employer shall be bound to make, payment for more than thirteen weeks' absence from work through illness in any one year.

(f) Part-time employees accrue sick leave on a proportional basis.

7.2.2 *Employee must give notice*

The payment of sick leave is subject to the employee promptly advising their employer of their absence and its expected duration.

7.2.3 *Evidence supporting a claim*

When the employee's absence is for more than 2 days the employee is required to give the employer a doctor's certificate about the nature and approximate duration of the illness or other evidence to the employer's satisfaction.

7.2.4 *Accumulated sick leave*

An employee's accumulated sick leave entitlements are preserved when:

(a) The employee is absent from work on unpaid leave granted by their employer;

- (b) The employer or employee terminates the employee's employment and the employee is re-employed within 3 months;
- (c) The employee's employment is terminated because of illness or injury and the employee is re-employed by the same employer without having been employed in the interim.

The employee accumulates sick leave entitlements whilst absent from work on paid leave granted by the employer.

7.2.5 *Workers' compensation*

Where an employee is in receipt of workers' compensation, the employee is not entitled to payment of sick leave.

7.3 Bereavement leave

7.3.1 *Full-time and part-time employees*

Full-time and part-time employees shall, on the death of a member of their immediate family or household in Australia, be entitled to paid bereavement leave up to and including the day of the funeral of such person. Such leave shall be without deduction of pay for a period not exceeding the number of hours worked by the employee in 2 ordinary days of work. Proof of such death is to be furnished by the employee to the satisfaction of the employer.

7.3.2 *Long-term casual employees*

- (a) A long-term casual employee is entitled to at least 2 days unpaid bereavement leave on the death of a member of the person's immediate family or household in Australia.
- (b) A "long-term casual employee" is a casual employee engaged by a particular employer, on a regular and systematic basis, for several periods of employment during a period of at least 1 year immediately before the employee seeks to access an entitlement under clause 7.3.2.

7.3.3 "Immediate family" includes:

- (a) A spouse (including a former spouse, a *de facto* spouse and a former *de facto* spouse, spouse of the same sex) of the employee; and
- (b) A child or an adult child (including an adopted child, a foster child, an ex-foster child, a stepchild or an ex-nuptial child), parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of the employee or spouse of the employee.

7.3.4 *Unpaid leave*

An employee, with the consent of the employer, may apply for unpaid leave when a member of the employee's immediate family or household in Australia dies and the period of bereavement leave entitlement provided above is insufficient.

7.4 Family leave

The provisions of the Family Leave Award apply to and are deemed to form part of this Award.

7.4.1 It is to be noted that:

- (a) part-time work can be performed by agreement in the circumstances specified in the Family Leave Award;
- (b) a copy of the Family Leave Award is required to be displayed in accordance with section 697 of the Act.

7.4.2 The Family Leave Award also provides for the terms and conditions of leave associated with:

- (a) Maternity leave
- (b) Parental leave
- (c) Adoption leave
- (d) Special responsibility leave for the care and support of the employee's immediate family or household.

7.5 Long service leave

All employees covered by this Award are entitled to long service leave on full pay under, subject to, and in accordance

with, the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, sections 42-58 of the Act as amended from time to time.

7.6 Public holidays

7.6.1 Any full-time or part-time employee who would ordinarily be required to work on a day on which a public holiday falls is entitled to full pay for the time the employee would ordinarily have been required to perform work on that day.

7.6.2 All work done by any employee on:

- the 1st January;
- the 26th January;
- Good Friday;
- Easter Saturday (the day after Good Friday);
- Easter Monday;
- the 25th April (Anzac Day);
- The Birthday of the Sovereign;
- Christmas Day;
- Boxing Day; or
- any day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of any such holiday

will be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

7.6.3 Labour Day

All employees covered by this Award shall be entitled to be paid a full day's wage for Labour Day (the first Monday in May or other day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of that holiday) irrespective of the fact that no work may be performed on such day, and if any employee concerned actually works on Labour Day, such employee shall be paid a full day's wage for that day and in addition a payment for the time actually worked by the employee at one and a-half times the ordinary rates prescribed for such work with a minimum of 4 hours.

7.6.4 Annual show

All work done by employees in a district specified from time to time by the Minister by notification published in the *Industrial Gazette* on the day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept as a holiday in relation to the annual agricultural, horticultural and/or industrial show held at the principal city or town, as specified in such notification, of such district shall be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

No employee shall be entitled to receive more than one day per year as Show Day.

7.6.5 Double time and a-half

For the purposes of this provision, where the rate of wages is a weekly rate, "double time and a-half" shall mean one and one-half day's wages in addition to the prescribed weekly rate, or *pro rata* if there is more or less than a day.

7.6.6 Extra payment for work on tugs on holidays

In the case of tugs, for work done on the holidays mentioned in clause 7.2, overtime at the prescribed rates shall be paid with a minimum payment as for 5 hours. The hours so worked and paid for shall be separate, apart from, and have no bearing on, or relation to, the ordinary working hours of the week in which such holiday or holidays occur.

7.7 Jury service

- (a) An employee, other than a casual employee, required to attend for jury service during their ordinary working hours shall be reimbursed by the employer an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in respect of their attendance for such jury service and the ordinary pay the employee would have been paid if the employee was not absent on jury service.
- (b) Alternatively, by agreement, fees (other than meal allowance) received by the employee to attend jury service will be paid to the employer and the employer will continue to pay the employee their ordinary pay for the time the employee was absent on jury service.
- (c) Employees shall notify their employer as soon as practicable of the date upon which they are required to attend for jury service and shall provide their employer with proof of such attendance, the duration of such attendance and the amount received in respect thereof.
- (d) If the employee is not required to serve on a jury for a day or part of a day after attending for jury service and the employee would ordinarily be working for all or part of the remaining day, the employee must, if

practicable, present for work at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

- (e) "Ordinary pay" means the rate of pay that an employee would normally expect to receive for working ordinary hours on an ordinary day of the week, including any over-award payment. "Ordinary pay" excludes overtime, penalty rates of all types - including those attaching to working ordinary hours (for example) on a Saturday, disability allowances, shift allowances, special rates, fares and travelling time allowances, bonuses and other ancillary payments of a like nature.

PART 8 - TRANSFERS, TRAVELLING AND WORKING AWAY FROM USUAL PLACE OF WORK

NOTE: No provisions inserted in this Award relevant to this Part.

PART 9 - TRAINING AND RELATED MATTERS

9.1 Training

9.1.1 The parties to this award recognise that in order to increase the efficiency and productivity of the enterprise and also the national and international competitiveness of the industries covered by this award, a greater commitment to training and skill development is required. Accordingly, the parties commit themselves to:

- (a) developing a more highly skilled and flexible workforce;
- (b) providing employees with career opportunities through appropriate training to acquire additional skills; and
- (c) removing barriers to the use of skills acquired.

PART 10 - OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND AMENITIES

NOTE: No provisions inserted in this Award relevant to this Part.

PART 11 - AWARD COMPLIANCE AND UNION RELATED MATTERS

Preamble

Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 replicate legislative provisions contained within the Act. In order to ensure the currency of existing legal requirements parties are advised to refer to sections 366, 372 and 373 of the Act as amended from time to time.

11.1 Right of entry

11.1.1 Authorised industrial officer

- (a) An "Authorised industrial officer" is any Union official holding a current authority issued by the Industrial Registrar.
- (b) Right of entry is limited to workplaces where the work performed falls within the registered coverage of the Union.

11.1.2 Entry procedure

- (a) The authorised industrial officer is entitled to enter the workplace during normal business hours as long as:
 - (i) the authorised industrial officer alerts the employer or other person in charge of the workplace to their presence; and
 - (ii) shows their authorisation upon request.
- (b) Clause 11.1.2(a)(i) does not apply if the authorised industrial officer establishes that the employer or other person in charge is absent.
- (c) A person must not obstruct or hinder any authorised industrial officer exercising their right of entry.
- (d) If the authorised industrial officer intentionally disregards a condition of clause 11.1.2 the authorised industrial officer may be treated as a trespasser.

11.1.3 Inspection of records

- (a) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect the time and wages record required to be kept under section 366 of the Act.
- (b) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect such time and wages records of any former or current employee except if the employee:
 - (i) is ineligible to become a member of the Union; or
 - (ii) is a party to a QWA or ancillary document, unless the employee has given written consent for the records to be inspected; or
 - (iii) has made a written request to the employer that the employee does not want that employee's record inspected.
- (c) The authorised industrial officer may make a copy of the record, but cannot require any help from the employer.
- (d) A person must not coerce an employee or prospective employee into consenting, or refusing to consent, to the inspection of their records by an authorised industrial officer.

11.1.4 *Discussions with employees*

An authorised industrial officer is entitled to discuss with the employer, or a member or employee eligible to become a member of the Union:

- (a) matters under the Act during working or non-working time; and
- (b) any other matter with a member or employee eligible to become a member of the Union, during non-working time.

11.1.5 *Conduct*

An authorised industrial officer must not unreasonably interfere with the performance of work in exercising a right of entry.

11.2 Time and wages record

11.2.1 An employer must keep, at the place of work in Queensland, a time and wages record that contains the following particulars for each pay period for each employee, including apprentices and trainees:

- (a) the employee's award classification;
- (b) the employer's full name;
- (c) the name of the award under which the employee is working;
- (d) the number of hours worked by the employee during each day and week, the times at which the employee started and stopped work, and details of work breaks including meal breaks;
- (e) a weekly, daily or hourly wage rate - details of the wage rate for each week, day, or hour at which the employee is paid;
- (f) the gross and net wages paid to the employee;
- (g) details of any deductions made from the wages; and
- (h) contributions made by the employer to a superannuation fund.

11.2.2 The time and wages record must also contain:

- (a) the employee's full name and address;
- (b) the employee's date of birth;
- (c) details of sick leave credited or approved, and sick leave payments to the employee;
- (d) the date when the employee became an employee of the employer;

(e) if appropriate, the date when the employee ceased employment with the employer; and

(f) if a casual employee's entitlement to long service leave is worked out under section 47 of the Act - the total hours, other than overtime, worked by the employee since the start of the period to which the entitlement relates, worked out to and including 30 June in each year.

11.2.3 The employer must keep the record for 6 years.

11.2.4 Such records shall be open to inspection during the employer's business hours by an inspector of the Department of Industrial Relations, in accordance with section 371 of the Act or an authorised industrial officer in accordance with sections 372 and 373 of the Act.

11.3 Union encouragement

Clause 11.3 gives effect to section 110 of the Act in its entirety. Consistent with section 110 a Full Bench of the Commission has issued a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement (reported 165 QGIG 221) that encourages an employee to join and maintain financial membership of the Union.

11.3.1 Documentation to be provided by employer

At the point of engagement, an employer to whom this Award applies shall provide employees with a document indicating that a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement has been issued by the Commission, a copy of which is to be kept on the premises of the employer in a place readily accessible by each employee.

The document provided by the employer shall also identify the existence of a union encouragement clause in this Award.

11.3.2 Union delegates

Union delegates and job representatives have a role to play within a workplace. The existence of accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives is encouraged.

The employer shall not unnecessarily hinder accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives in the reasonable and responsible performance of their duties.

11.3.3 Deduction of union fees

Where arrangements can be entered into, employers are encouraged to provide facilities for the deduction and remittance of Union fees for employees who signify in writing to their employer, their desire to have such membership fees deducted from their wages.

Dated 13 March 2003.

By the Commission,
[L.S.] E. EWALD,
Industrial Registrar.

Operative Date: 12 May 2003