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Subject: Alpine award AM2016/30

Dear Associate,

Re: AM2016/30 Alpine Resorts Award 2010

The ASAA, The AWU and SDA have had discussions regarding the request by ABL for witnesses to appear via video-link or telephone (email 29 May 2017).

The position of the ASAA, AWU and SDA is that the witnesses should give evidence in person. The witnesses come from a range of backgrounds and span locations in both NSW and Victoria. There is considerable benefit in these witnesses appearing in person. Any change to coverage will have a significant effect on a great number of workers. The parties deliberately avoided scheduling hearings during the ski season as it was explained that this is the busiest time for the witnesses. It was our understanding that scheduling hearings in October would permit the witnesses to be available.

We are concerned that no Victorian witnesses would attend in person if the ABL's request was granted. There are at least three witnesses in Victoria that run a significantly different operation to those residing in NSW. This includes the running of a general store, a supermarket and a ski hire business.

The Commission has suggested that hearings be held in Canberra. We would not oppose some of the hearing days be in a location more convenient to the witnesses if that assists the Commission and the witnesses.

Regards,

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