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Vice President Catanzariti  
Fair Work Commission  
80 William Street  
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Dear Vice President,

**4 yearly review of modern awards – Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010**

We refer to the above matter, the Directions and Scheduling Hearing (**Hearing**) which took place before Deputy President Booth on 14 August 2019, and Amended Directions published by the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**) on 17 September 2019.

In Directions issued on 20 June 2019, parties were directed to file submissions, witness statements and other material upon which they sought to rely in relation to the following two outstanding matters regarding the *Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010 (HPSS Award)*:

- whether the occupations of dental hygienist and oral therapist should be covered by the award; and
- whether the list of common health professionals contained in Schedule C of the award should be indicative or exhaustive

At the Hearing, Booth DP considered a request from the Dental Hygienists Association of Australia that the above matters be dealt with sequentially rather than simultaneously.

The Amended Directions of 17 September 2019 confirm that the Commission has determined to deal with the outstanding issues sequentially, with the issue of whether the list of common health professionals contained in Schedule C of the HPSS Award should be indicative or exhaustive to be addressed first.

Ai Group made submissions addressing both outstanding issues on [31 July 2019](#) and reply submissions were provided to the Commission on [19 August 2019](#). We continue to rely on these and past submissions referred to therein for the purposes of responding to paragraph [1] of the Amended Directions.

Ai Group retains a significant interest in the HPSS Award and intends to respond to any arguments put by the other parties in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hamish Harrington'.

**Hamish Harrington**  
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