



TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
Fair Work Act 2009

ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER

AM2022/34

s.158 - Application to vary a modern award

**Application by APESMA T/A Professionals Australia
(AM2022/34)**

Pharmacy Industry Award 2020

Sydney

10.45 AM, MONDAY, 16 JANUARY 2023

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: I'll take the appearances. Mr Hall and Ms Baulch, you appear for APESMA?

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MS J BAULCH: Yes, sir.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: Mr Harris, you appear for the Pharmacy Guild?

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MR S HARRIS: Correct, Acting President.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: All right. Who wants to speak for APESMA?

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MS BAULCH: Mr Hall today, sir.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: All right. How do you propose we deal with this application, Mr Hall?

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MR HALL: Vice President, in the 8 November directions hearing you asked both parties if they thought it would be beneficial if a conference was listed at the Fair Work Commission. We're still of the view that it would be beneficial, so if the other party were agreeable to that proposal, we would propose to list a conference.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: All right. Mr Harris, what do you say about that?

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MR HARRIS: Nothing negative on that, Acting President.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: Just to make clear, is there some prospect that a conference would bring about some resolution in part or in whole of the application? That is, I don't want to waste people's time if it's just not going to achieve a result.

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MR HARRIS: Acting President, I do believe we can reach some concurrence in parts, but not on all of it.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: All right. Are the parties conveniently located in Sydney or Melbourne?

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MR HALL: Well, sir, we are based in Melbourne.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: And you're in Sydney, Mr Harris, aren't you?

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MR HARRIS: No, I'm Canberra based, Acting President, but to me it's not a problem to jump on a plane and come travelling for a change again.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: All right. Just hold on a sec while I locate a date.

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MS BAULCH: Thank you, sir.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: How soon will the parties be ready to do this?

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MR HALL: Well, sir, we've done our application. I guess we just haven't had a response from the PGA. We are pretty much ready to go pretty soon.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: Okay. Mr Harris, are you basically ready to go with this?

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MR HARRIS: I am, Acting President.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: All right. This is probably not as soon as you would like, but would Monday, 13 February, be suitable in Melbourne?

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MS BAULCH: Yes, sir.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: Mr Harris?

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MR HARRIS: I'm just confirming that at the moment. Yes, it can be on that side, Acting President.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: Yes, all right. I'll set a conference down for 10 am on 13 February in Melbourne. You'll receive a formal listing to that effect.

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MS BAULCH: Thank you, sir. That's fantastic.

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ACTING PRESIDENT HATCHER: All right. If there is nothing further we will now adjourn. Thank you for your attendance.

ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2023

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