

Mayrhofer, Tania

From: Bob Rushton [bobrushton@ozemail.com.au]
Sent: Monday, 31 May 2004 11:01 AM
To: Mayrhofer, Tania
Subject: Pre-Decision Conference

Tania

I will be attending the Pre-Decision Conference on Friday 4 June representing the applicant.

As I indicated to you I have had discussions with Master Builders Australia regarding the Draft Determination and the institutes position on the establishment of group schemes or partnering with existing schemes.

I have attached a copy of my correspondence with MBA for your information, it may alleviate some of the concerns of the other parties.

Should you require anything further please contact me.

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Subject: Application for levy

Denis

With regard to our discussion on Thursday last I would advise that in my original talks with Richard Calver I agreed to amend the application to indicate that a state could decide enter into arrangements with existing Group Training Companies, under partnering agreements, rather than establish their own.

I amended the application in para 7 of Attachment 1 to include the words "or as agreed to suit the needs of manufacturers and hosts in other states", in reading the application again where the wording was placed and perhaps the wording itself did not make clear that the states would decide if they would establish their own group schemes or enter into partnering agreements.

As pointed out by you the Draft Determination uses the term group training companies and does indicate at 3.9 that the group training companies will employ staff which would indicate the establishment of a new company.

As I have indicated the states will make the decision on how best to employ the apprentices and in fact Queensland have already decided to enter into a partnering agreement with an established group training company as has Victoria with other states yet to make a decision, however due to their market size it is likely they will make the same decision.

I hope this clarifies our position and I will forward a copy of this correspondence to Tanya Mayrhofer at the ACCC.

Bob Rushton

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