

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Reference No.: N/A

In the Matter of:

**Application for Authorisation to engage in Collective Bargaining (the Application)
By Transport Workers' Union of Australia SA/NT Branch (TWU)**

TOLL WHYALLA SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TWU APPLICATION FOR INTERIM AUTHORISATION

1. The TWU confirms its application for interim authorisation in relation to Toll Whyalla, South Australia.
2. The TWU submits that the interim authorisation is sought to enable relevant members of the TWU to engage in negotiations and discussions with respect to a Collective Agreement affecting relevant members of the TWU.
3. These discussions would allow for efficient processing of various claims put forward by the relevant parties.
4. It is the position of the TWU that through discussions/negotiations, enabled by an interim authorisation, parties will identify respective positions with a view towards reaching a mutually acceptable arrangement.
5. Finally, an interim authorisation would assist members of the TWU, affected by the interim authorisation, in expediting negotiated terms that will relieve financial hardship currently experienced by relevant drivers.
6. Withstanding the above, the TWU confirms that negotiations and/or discussions authorised through the interim authorisation will not result in finalisation of terms before a decision is made with respect to the ACCC determination of the Authorisation sought.
7. The TWU submits that there is no prejudicial effect on competition or consumers in the event that an interim authorisation is granted and will only increase efficacy of negotiations in the event that the Authorisation is granted.

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