

31 January 2003

The Hon Justice Giudice
President
Australian Industrial Relations Commission
Nauru House
80 Collins St
Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear President,

Re: S113 applications to vary awards re: Living Wage Case Matters

Pursuant to Section 43 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996, I am writing to seek leave for the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) to intervene in this matter in order to make a brief written submission, which is attached.

We seek leave to intervene on the grounds that, as the national peak council of the community welfare sector in Australia, ACOSS has a particular interest in the living standards of low income people including those on low wages. In particular, we have expert knowledge on the measurement of household living standards and the relationship between wage incomes and social security payments.

ACOSS has sought, and was granted leave to intervene in previous national wage cases.

We do not seek leave to appear before the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Megan Mitchell
Director