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Reply

VID 760 of 2021

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: Victoria
Division: Fair Work

THE AUSTRALIAN SALARIED MEDICAL OFFICERS' FEDERATION
First Applicant

MICHAEL JOHN HAND
Second Applicant

NORTHERN HEALTH
Respondent

Save for any admissions, the Applicants join issue with the Defence dated 6 May 2022, and otherwise reply as follows:

1. To the allegations in Parts D, E and F of the Defence regarding the Northern Health 'Overtime Protocol', the Applicants say that:
 - (a) clause 36.3(a) of the 2018 Agreement and clause 32.3.1 of the 2013 Agreement provide that the Respondent must have a protocol "whereby overtime that cannot be authorised in advance but has been worked will be paid if it meets appropriate, clearly defined criteria" (**Overtime Protocol**);
 - (b) any such Overtime Protocol can only apply to the circumstances in clause 36.3(a) of the 2018 Agreement and clause 32.3.1 of the 2013 Agreement, namely to overtime "that cannot be authorised in advance";

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- (c) where the claims made by the Second Applicant and Group Members in the Statement of Claim are claims for overtime that has been authorised in advance, the Overtime Protocol cannot apply to those claims;
- (d) further and alternatively to paragraph 1(c) above, clause 36.3 of the 2018 Agreement and clause 32.3.1 of the 2013 Agreement do not, on their proper construction, impose any obligation on the Second Applicant or any Group Member;
- (e) further or alternatively to paragraphs 1(b) and 1(c) above, clause 36.3 of the 2018 Agreement and clause 32.3.1 of the 2013 Agreement do not, on their proper construction, exhaustively provide the ways in which unrostered overtime can be authorised by a Health Service including the Respondent;
- (f) to the extent there is any conflict between the terms of the 2013 Agreement and the 2018 Agreement, and the terms of an Overtime Protocol concerning an employee's entitlement to be paid for working authorised hours in excess of rostered hours, the terms of the 2013 Agreement and the 2018 Agreement prevail and the Overtime Protocol is of no effect.

2. To the whole of the allegations in Part F of the Defence (Estoppel by Conduct), the Applicants refer to and repeat paragraph 1 above and say further that:

- (a) as pleaded in the Statement of Claim, the Respondent directed the Second Applicant and Group Members to perform the work pleaded, knew that the Second Applicant and Group Members could not perform that work during rostered hours, knew that the Second Applicant and Group Members worked overtime to perform that work, and did not direct them not to do such overtime, and as a result:
 - (i) the Respondent cannot have made the assumption pleaded in paragraph 234 of the Defence;
 - (ii) the conduct of the Second Applicant and Group Members cannot have amounted to a representation as pleaded at paragraph 236 of the Defence;

(iii) the Respondent cannot have acted in reliance on any such assumption or representation, as pleaded at paragraph 237 of the Defence, or in any event any such reliance cannot have been reasonable, as pleaded at paragraph 238 of the Defence;

(iv) the Respondent's failure to take steps as pleaded at paragraphs 237(c) and 239(b) cannot be explained by any such assumption or representation.

(b) in any event, estoppel is unavailable as a matter of law to defeat a claim of contravention of section 50 of the FW Act.

3. Further, as to the allegations in paragraph 239, the Applicants say that the Respondent has had the benefit of the work performed during unrostered overtime by the Second Applicant and Group Members.

Date: 20 May 2022



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Signed by Andrew Grech
Lawyer for the Applicants

This pleading was prepared by Andrew Grech of Gordon Legal and settled by Kate Burke of counsel

Certificate of lawyer

I, Andrew Grech, certify to the Court that, in relation to the Reply filed on behalf of the Applicants, the factual and legal material available to me at present provides a proper basis for each allegation in the pleading.

Date: 20 May 2022



Signed by Andrew Grech
Lawyer for the Applicants

Schedule

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