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**CONSTRUCTION, FORESTRY, MARITIME EMPLOYEES' UNION (CFMEU)**  
**AND**  
**BUILT (VIC) PTY LTD (BUILT)**

**RE. ALLEGED UNDERPAYMENT OF SITE ALLOWANCE**

**002-2026**


**18 FEBRUARY 2026**

**STATEMENT**

1. The CFMEU notified a Dispute on 4 February 2026 concerning the amount of site allowance that should be applicable on the Barwon Women's and Children's Hospital Project (the Project) at Geelong, Victoria, pursuant to the *BUILT (VIC) and the CFMEU (Victorian Construction and General Division) Builder Enterprise Agreement 2024-2027* (the Agreement).
2. The Panel convened a Conference of the parties on 18 February 2026.
3. The dispute is over what is the correct Project Value of the Project from which the site allowance is determined pursuant to Appendix C of the Agreement.
4. There is no dispute between the parties that the Agreement has application to this matter and that the dispute is properly before the Panel in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
5. In summary, the CFMEU submits that the Project Value according to its research is in excess of \$489.2m (the present relevant value provided for by the

Agreement) which would trigger a higher site allowance pursuant to the Agreement than BUILT is presently paying. BUILT submits the Project value is less than that figure and that the site allowance it is paying is correct.

6. The parties have provided explanations as to how they have arrived at the Project Value for the purposes of the Agreement but cannot reach agreement and seek that the Panel determines the matter.
7. The Project contract with BUILT is administered by the Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority Health (VIDA Health) on behalf of the State. The parties agreed with the Chair's proposal that in order for the Panel to determine the Project Value to settle the dispute, the Panel directly engage with VIDA Health to ascertain further detail.
8. The Panel will do so and inform the parties further as to next steps, including the ability of the parties to make submissions in relation to the information adduced by the Panel from VIDA Health, as the Panel considers appropriate.



**Peter Parkinson**  
**Chairman**



**Tony Cordier**  
**Panel Member**



**Adrian Ziccone**  
**Panel Member**