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

RE. ALLEGED UNDERPAYMENT OF SITE ALLOWANCE

002-2026

5 MARCH 2026

STATEMENT No .3

[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 dispute is over what is the correct Project Value of the Project from which the quantum of site allowance is determined pursuant to Appendix C of the Agreement.

[3] The Panel issued Statements on 18 and 27 February 2026 and convened a Conference of the parties on 5 March 2026. This Statement No. 3 is to be read in conjunction with those previous Statements.

[4] At the Conference the Chair provided further details that had been provided by VIDA Health since the last Statement which VIDA Health had confirmed the Panel was able to release to the parties.

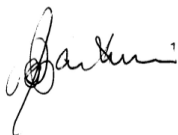
[5] The Chair explained that based upon this further detail the Panel presently remained satisfied that the Project Value for the purposes of the Agreement fell well short of the threshold of \$489.2m, above which a higher site allowance would otherwise apply.

[6] The CFMEU requested that the parties be provided with the detail provided to the Panel by VIDA Health. The legal representatives for both parties undertook to keep confidential to themselves any information as to the breakdown of costs for the Project if VIDA Health was to provide it. The Panel will request same of VIDA Health and advise the parties further, as soon as possible.

[7] The CFMEU indicated that it believed there were other works that had been undertaken which also formed the Project, including the Children's Emergency Department, which it said amounted to significantly more than the \$21m that VIDA Health has attributed to Kane for Enabling Works (that cost available on Buying for Victoria website). The CFMEU said it had been advised by others that the values of those other works were significantly higher.

[8] The Chair proposed and it was agreed by the parties that the CFMEU would make a further written submission detailing precisely what additional works it says should be included in the Project Value for the purposes of the Agreement together with any evidence to support same. The CFMEU undertook to provide its submission **no later than 5.00pm on Friday 27 March 2026**.

[9] Following receipt of the CFMEU's further submission the Panel will determine and advise next steps, including the opportunity for BUILT to reply, if this is considered necessary.



Peter Parkinson
Chairman



Tony Cordier
Panel Member



Adrian Ziccone
Panel Member