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

**RE. ALLEGED UNDERPAYMENT OF SITE ALLOWANCE**

**002-2026**

**2 APRIL 2026**

**STATEMENT No .4**

[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 issued Statements on 18 and 27 February and 5 March 2026. This Statement No. 4 is to be read in conjunction with those Statements.

[3] Further to Statement No.3 the CFMEU filed written submissions on 27 March 2026.

[4] In Statement No. 2 at paragraph [12] the Panel noted as follows:

*“Based upon the information presently before us, it would appear that the Total Project Value, as defined by the Agreement, does not exceed \$489.2m and falls short of that figure by a significant sum.”*

[5] On 13 March 2026 VIDA provided the details of the breakdown of costs previously provided to the Panel to the legal representatives of the parties on a confidential basis.

[6] The CFMEU in its submission of 27 March 2026 noted as follows:

*“However, it would appear uncontroversial that the information provided indicates that the aggregate cost of the project, excluding non-construction development costs, is at least \$447,220,613.”*

[7] This is the figure previously established by the Panel in its assessment.

[8] The CFMEU argues in its submission that the Panel should find that the relevant costs of the Children’s Emergency Department Upgrade (CED) completed by Kane Constructions in 2024 ought be included in the total Project Value of the Barwon Women’s and Children’s Hospital Project for the purposes of the Agreement, that is, in addition to the \$447,220,613.

[9] Arising from the CFMEU’s submission the Panel sought further information from VIDA concerning the costs associated with the CED.

[10] The Panel advised that BUILT was at liberty to respond to the CFMEU’s submission.

[11] VIDA provided the Panel and the legal representatives of the parties with the relevant construction costs for the CED on 1 April 2026. The information advises that these costs amount to a total of \$16,650,641 excluding non-construction costs.

[12] The Panel is yet to conclude a view as to whether or not the Children’s Emergency Department Upgrade (CED) is part of the Project the subject of this dispute.

[13] However, having regard to the material provided, and its previous assessment of the value of the Project for the purposes of the Agreement, it appears even if the Panel was persuaded that the relevant costs of the CED Upgrade should be included for the purposes of the Agreement, the total Project Value would still be insufficient by a significant margin to cross the threshold present value of \$489.2m. such that a higher site allowance than presently paid by BUILT would apply.

[14] Before concluding a Determination in this matter the Panel will consider final submissions from the parties, should they wish. Accordingly, the Panel will consider any final written submissions to be received not later than **5.00pm**

on Monday 13 April 2026, following which the Panel will determine the matter.



**Peter Parkinson**  
**Chairman**



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



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