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Submissions from the AECI to the Labour Court

Dear Chairman and Members of the Court,

We make our submission to you today on behalf of our financially pressed Members of our organization. In your deliberation we would ask you to take into consideration, the problems that any wage increase, however small, would impact on our Members ability to remain viable in business, and to guarantee jobs for their employees.

Given the economic climate that prevails at this time, and the fact that most companies have introduced pay cuts or pay freezes and also bearing in mind the fact that we now have negative inflation.

Our claim is further endorsed by all parties in government who are calling for reduced prices for consumers and businesses alike.

Along with this the I.D.A. as late as Thursday the 11th July 2009 were calling for all companies to reduce their prices by 10% to 15%.

Our situation is further compounded by the fact that we have a number of non-compliant contractors, who are ignoring the legality of the Registered Employment Agreement and who are implementing conditions and wages against which we can not compete. There are also out of state contractors, who are also operating in this jurisdiction, and who are non-compliant.

Finally we would ask that the Court, attempt, to address (by comment only) the effect these above practices by non-compliant contractors are having on our industry.

Yours Sincerely,


Jack Hegarty
President