

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITATION: *In the making of the Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2023* [2023] QIRC 322

PARTIES: **Somerset Regional Council**

AND

Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees

CASE NO.: CB/2023/125

PROCEEDING: Application for certification of an agreement

DELIVERED ON: 13 November 2023

HEARING DATE: 13 November 2023

HEARD AT: Brisbane

MEMBER: Power IC

ORDER: ***The Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2023 is certified.***

CATCHWORDS: INDUSTRIAL LAW - QUEENSLAND - AGREEMENTS - Application for certification of an agreement - requirements for certification - Agreement certified

LEGISLATION: *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld), s 189, ch 4, pt 5, div 2, sub-divs 2 and 3, s 227 and s 228

APPEARANCES: Ms N. Hope and Ms S. Terera for Somerset Regional Council

Mr J. Donaghy for Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees

Reasons for Decision

- [1] On 31 October 2023, the Somerset Regional Council ('the Applicant'), pursuant to s 189 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* (Qld) ('the Act'), made an application to certify the *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2023* ('the agreement').
- [2] The named parties to the agreement are the Applicant and the following employee organisation:
- (a) Somerset Regional Council
 - (b) Queensland Services, Industrial Union of Employees
- [3] The agreement applies to:
- (a) the Applicant;
 - (b) the Applicant's employees covered by the classifications contained in the agreement; and
 - (c) the employee organisations named in paragraph [2] above.
- [4] Having regard to the submissions made by the parties who appeared today and to the affidavit of Mr Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant filed on 31 October 2023:
- (a) I am satisfied of each relevant requirement in ch 4 pt 5 div 2 sub-div 2 of the Act; and
 - (b) there is nothing in the agreement which would require me to refuse to grant the application pursuant to ch 4 pt 5 div 2 sub-div 3 of the Act.
- [5] The application to certify the *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2023* is granted.
- [6] The *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2023* operates from the day it is certified, namely, 13 November 2023.
- [7] Although the nominal expiry date of the *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2023* is 30 June 2026, it continues to operate until it is terminated under ss 227 or 228 of the Act.
- [8] I make the following order:

The *Somerset Regional Council – Officers Certified Agreement 2023* is certified.