

**IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT
AUCKLAND**

**[2015] NZEmpC 93
EMPC 152/2015**

IN THE MATTER OF an application for interim injunction

BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND MEAT WORKERS &
 RELATED TRADES UNION INC
 First Plaintiff

AND ROBERTA KEREWAI RATU AND
 OTHERS
 Second Plaintiffs

AND AFFCO NEW ZEALAND LIMITED
 Defendant

Hearing: 16 June 2015
 (Heard at Rotorua)

Appearances: SR Mitchell, counsel for plaintiffs
 G Malone and R Webster, counsel for defendant

Judgment: 16 June 2015

**ORAL INTERIM INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT
OF CHIEF JUDGE G L COLGAN**

[1] Such are the difficulties, complexities and wide ramifications of the issues for decision, I will deliver judgment on the plaintiffs' application for interim interlocutory injunction before the end of business tomorrow. There is one order that I will make now however.

[2] Pursuant to s 188 of the Employment Relations Act 2000 the parties are referred to immediate and urgent mediation on the question of these proceedings but also particularly in relation to their collective bargaining.

[3] I want to make it clear that the Court's direction extends to the collective bargaining. In my view, the collective bargaining has, for whatever reason, drifted for too long and the parties need the assistance of a Mediator in that bargaining.

[4] This order is to be sent to the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment who, I am confident, will make arrangements for a mediator to assist the parties immediately in that regard.

GL Colgan
Chief Judge

Judgment delivered orally at 3.47 pm on Tuesday 16 June 2015