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FWA terminates lockout at Schweppes

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Fair Work Australia has today terminated industrial action at the Schweppes site at Tullamarine in Melbourne, where employees have been locked out since mid-December.

Senior Deputy President Les Kaufman acceded to the company's application under s423 of the Fair Work Act (see his [order](#)), after [rejecting](#) it in December (see [Related Article](#)).

The company had sought the termination under s423(2)(b) on the basis that the lockout was causing significant economic harm to its employees.

But in his December ruling Senior Deputy President Kaufman was swayed against issuing the order by an employee petition opposing termination.

He is yet to issue his reasons for today's decision or to program the workplace determination.

The key issue during the 21-day negotiating period triggered by the termination is likely to be the company's plan to move to 12-hour shifts, six or seven days a week.

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