

Collective Bargaining Process Heats Up!

In yesterday's negotiation meeting, the combined Unions tabled our 'bottom line' position to Ergon in an attempt to reach in-principle agreement. Unfortunately it seems unlikely that the outstanding items will be finalised on satisfactory terms.

In other developments on Wednesday 30 November, the Queensland Services Union and Electrical Trades Union made an application to Fair Work Australia in relation to the Protected Industrial Action Ballot being conducted by the AEC at Ergon Energy and Energex.

Fair Work Australia issued an order on 4 November 2011, requesting the AEC conduct a ballot of union members in relation to the taking of protected industrial action in support of a new Enterprise Agreement.

Whilst this process has been undertaken over the past few weeks, the AEC closed the ballot three days earlier than what had been specified by Fair Work Australia – potentially limiting the ability of union members to participate in the ballot process.

Yesterday the hearing for this matter began at Fair Work Australia. The hearing reconvened this morning at 8:30am. Our union is monitoring the progress of these applications and this hearing and will keep you informed of any implications it may have for our members.

If you did not receive a ballot paper from the AEC, or if you received it only late last week, you should let us know ASAP by either contacting your local Delegate or getting in touch with the union office on 1800 177 244 or email: members@together.org.au

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