



PN Coal UPDATE

Further to Newsflash 45, due to the unavailability of SDP Harrison from the Fair Work Commission for earlier this week, the parties have now requested a meeting take place this Friday. In an attempt to progress matters, Your Union met on Monday with the company to progress the proposed clauses.

PN are drafting their latest proposals and will be providing them to the RTBU for further consideration. The parties hope to have a final position before mediation on Friday.

Notwithstanding the progress on conditions, it was made very clear to PN that no wage offer equal to or less than what was rejected by members in the December vote would be accepted by members.

Discussion has also taken place with both PN Rail and PN Coal, on the possibility of extending the agreement to a four-year term. This issue of term of agreement is contingent on an agreed common expiry date thus would have to apply across all business division agreements.

While we believe real progress is being made, if a decent wage offer that reflects Employees efforts and the company's profits is not forthcoming shortly, then we may be left with no option but for members to again consider industrial action.

Members are advised that should action need to be taken other than 24 hour stoppages, then another FWA / AEC Ballot would be conducted to confirm that members are still supportive of those other forms of action.

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