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Negotiations for a New Agreement

As previously reported I have put a “without prejudice” offer to the Australian Maritime Officers’ Union (AMOU), the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) and the Australian Manufacturing Workers’ Union (AMWU), for the new Darwin Port Corporation (Northern Territory Public Sector) 2014 – 2018 Enterprise Agreement.

Details of the offer can be found in [Darwin Port Corporation Bulletin 5/2014](#).

Drafting of the New Agreement

On 13 May 2014 representatives from my Office and the Darwin Port Corporation provided a draft agreement to the unions for discussion on a range of proposed and necessary changes. The changes reflect:

- amendments to the Fair Work Act;
- alignment with common general NTPS provisions (e.g. parental leave);
- matters that are not required as they are covered by other legislation, policy related, or only relevant to the current agreement; and
- alignment with my offer for a new agreement.

Next Step

Negotiations and drafting will continue through weekly bargaining meetings which have been scheduled up until the end of June 2014.

More Information

Regular Bulletins and Information Sheets on the bargaining process and proposals will be posted on the OCPE website under the [Enterprise Agreement Negotiation Updates page](#).

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Commissioner for Public Employment
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