

### NTPS FIRE-FIGHTERS' BULLETIN 28

#### VOTE on new Fire and Rescue Service 2015-2018 Enterprise Agreement

As previously reported in [Bulletin 27](#) the Fair Work Commission has made a [recommendation](#) on the remaining issues between the parties. This recommendation has now formed part of the new Northern Territory Public Sector Fire and Rescue Service 2015-2018 Enterprise Agreement (the proposed Agreement), which can now be put to a formal ballot.

#### Ballot Process

On Monday 4 July you will be sent a link to the proposed Agreement and an explanatory document highlighting the changes compared to your current agreement. Hard copies of these documents will also be available throughout your workplace.

The ballot process will be conducted by the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC), which will involve an email to your work email address which will provide details on how to vote.

If you would like the ballot emailed to an alternative address, you should contact Peter Burgess at NTEC on 08 8999 7622 or [peter.burgess@nt.gov.au](mailto:peter.burgess@nt.gov.au) as soon as possible.

The timetable for the ballot is:

4 July 2016 (Monday)	Distribution of Agreement and Explanatory Notes
12 July 2016 (Tuesday)	Voting email sent and Ballot OPENS
21 July 2016 (Thursday)	Ballot CLOSES 3 pm

**IMPORTANT:** Any employee who does not receive an email about the voting process by 13 July 2016 should contact Peter Burgess at NTEC on 08 8999 7622 or [peter.burgess@nt.gov.au](mailto:peter.burgess@nt.gov.au).

As this is an electronic ballot, the result will be available immediately after the close (3pm, 21 July 2016). The Commissioner will advise employees of the ballot result via a bulletin and a notice on the enterprise bargaining website listed above.

#### Ballot Outcome

If the majority of employees who vote in the ballot are in favour of the proposed agreement (a 'yes' vote), and the Fair Work Commission approves the agreement, then the payments for the salary adjustments will occur after the Agreement is approved by the FWC which may take some weeks. However if the ballot is successful the initial \$1,000 New Agreement Payment will be paid on 11 August 2016.

If the ballot is not successful then the salary increases and New Agreement Payments will not be paid.

### **More Information**

For further information on the proposed Agreement, explanatory notes or the ballot process, please contact Leanne Hulm on 8985 8922, or Jason Finlay on 8999 4295.

Regular Bulletins and Information Sheets on the bargaining process and proposals are posted on the OCPE website under the [Enterprise Agreement Negotiations](#) webpage.

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CRAIG ALLEN  
Commissioner for Public Employment  
29 June 2016