

NTPS FIRE-FIGHTERS' BULLETIN 34

VOTE on new Fire and Rescue Service 2013-2017 Enterprise Agreement

As previously reported in [Bulletin 33](#) the parties have reached in-principle agreement to the [Improved Offer](#) which included 3% salary increases each year from November 2013.

Delegates from my Office, and United Voice have finalised drafting of the new Northern Territory Public Sector Fire and Rescue Service 2013-2017 Enterprise Agreement (the proposed Agreement), which can now be put to a formal ballot.

Ballot Process

On Wednesday 14 December 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 which will provide details on how to vote.

The timetable for the ballot is:

6 December 2016 (Tuesday)	Distribution of Agreement and Explanatory Notes
14 December 2016 (Wednesday)	Ballot OPENS
22 December 2016 (Thursday)	Ballot CLOSES 9 am

IMPORTANT: Any employee who does not receive a ballot paper by 15 December 2016 should contact Sue Whyte at the NT Electoral Commission on 08 8999 7643 or susan.whyte@nt.gov.au.

As this is an electronic ballot, the result will be available immediately after the close (9:00am, 22 December 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 pay rises will apply from November 2013.

If the ballot is not successful then the salary increases 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 8996, 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
5 December 2016