

### NTPS GENERAL BULLETIN 18/2013

**This bulletin only applies to those employees covered by the NTPS 2010 – 2013 Enterprise Agreement**

#### UNIONS ADVISED ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT TO BE PUT TO A BALLOT

As reported in [Bulletin 17/2013](#) the new offer was discussed with the bargaining representatives (unions) today.

Unfortunately at the meeting the bargaining representatives indicated that they did not support the new offer.

As I believe the offer is a fair and reasonable one in all the circumstances and that it is unfair that employees are missing out on a deserved pay rise, I advised the bargaining representatives that I would be putting the agreement out to a formal ballot of all employees under the *Fair Work Act*.

If there is a 'yes' vote, then pay rises will apply from 29 August 2013.

#### WHERE TO FROM HERE

The bargaining representatives have until Friday lunch time to formally advise if they are willing to accept the offer. Having made two lots of significant concessions since bargaining commenced in April, I believe it is now time to let all employees have their say and will be putting the agreement to a formal ballot.

I will keep you informed of the process and timing of the ballot following the bargaining representatives response.

#### FEEDBACK

Should you wish to express a view on the offer or make a suggestion you can provide your feedback to me directly at [www.enterpriseagreements.nt.gov.au/general\\_feedback](http://www.enterpriseagreements.nt.gov.au/general_feedback). All feedback will be treated confidentially.

#### MORE INFORMATION

To keep you informed the OCPE has a webpage dedicated to enterprise agreement negotiations under the [Enterprise Agreement Negotiation Updates page](#).

The website will be updated regularly with the latest information on negotiations, including bulletins, information sheets and other material.



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