

2010 RAILCORP UNION COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

UPDATE No. 1

*Campaigning for a fair deal
We all deserve better!*

3rd December 2009

DAYS UNTIL AGREEMENT HAS TO BE REACHED: 118

Welcome to the first of our Combined Unions Campaign bulletin. Over the course of the next few months we will be producing regular campaign updates so that you are kept up-to-date about the progress of your 2010 enterprise agreement negotiations.

Unions join together for strength

All seven Rail Unions have made a commitment to work together to make sure that we are strong and so that bargain with one voice. The Rail Unions have formed two important committees.

Single Bargaining Unit

The Single Bargaining Unit (SBU) is made up of delegates and officials and this committee will be responsible of the negotiations with management.

The Campaign Committee

The Campaign Committee is made up of union officials, delegates and reps from each union and each work area. The Campaign Committee will be the eyes and the ears of our campaign. It means you will have access to someone in your union and most likely someone in your area that is directly involved in the bargaining process.

Membership survey – record results

On the 1st December 2009 the Campaign Committee met and reviewed the results of our membership survey.

Over 1,600 workers completed the Combined Unions Survey – the highest result on record. The results also helped unions to work out a draft log of claims.

Draft Log to go to membership Vote

Over the next two weeks a draft log of claims (see Update Number 2) will be taken to all membership areas. We aim to finalise our bargaining agenda by the 18th December 2009.

You can expect a membership meeting to take place in your area very soon.

This will mean that you will get a say in our bargaining claim for our 2010 enterprise agreement.

Management Refuses to meet with Unions

On the 30th November 2009, Unions NSW on behalf of all unions asked Railcorp for a meeting prior to Christmas so that we could begin bargaining for our 2010 enterprise agreement.

Railcorp has refused to meet with unions to start the bargaining process until late January 2010.

Unions will write to Railcorp requesting a meeting so that we can begin bargaining as soon as is possible.

