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Dear Member

Barracks Allowance & Barracks Locations

As you will be aware your union and PN Coal have been in dispute for a considerable amount of time over changes to barracks locations and the payment of barracks allowance for barracks jobs.

There is an old saying that the wheels of justice turn slowly and despite several conferences with the Fair Work Commission, the wheels of justice are still turning. At the last conference your union sought a recommendation be made during that conference. However, the legal representative for PN Coal sought a further face to face conference and whilst we believe the Commissioner has sufficient information to make a recommendation with what has already been presented, the Commissioner agreed to conduct the face to face conciliation.

That conciliation has been set down for this coming Tuesday, 31 March, 2015 in Mackay. Your union and workplace representatives will be attending the conciliation in an attempt to find a resolution to this long running dispute.

Members will be updated as soon as possible after the conciliation.

Unity is Strength

Bruce Mackie
QLD State President