



QUEENSLAND BRANCH

PN COAL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member

PN Coal Qld: Protected Industrial Action Ballot

Following the extraordinary amount of feedback received from RTBU PN Coal members to the last circular about PN's latest offer and the continued insistence from PN Coal that CPI is the base of any new Agreement, I today gave a comprehensive report to the Queensland Branch Executive of Your Union about the negotiations so far, as well as furnished a copy of the most recent correspondence from PN Coal.

After considerable deliberation the following resolution was passed by your State Executive,

"That having noted the report from the Branch President on the progress of negotiations with Pacific National Queensland Coal (PNQC) to secure an appropriate Enterprise Agreement, Branch Executive endorses a ballot to occur under the terms of the Fair Work legislation to enable protected industrial action to be taken by members of this Union employed by PNQC".

Following this resolution, our industrial team will file an application for a ballot of members seeking authorisation for the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to hold a ballot of members to have the right to participate in protected industrial action in pursuit of the reasonable and legitimate claims.

This is a step that has not been taken lightly, but given the position taken by PN Coal and feedback received from members, we have now reached this stage in the process to secure an Agreement.

Naturally Your Union is still prepared to participate in meaningful negotiations whilst members determine whether or not they wish to consider an industrial action component in this campaign.

Only members of the RTBU will be able to participate in this ballot and any subsequent action flowing from it, therefore, it is important that members have their correct addresses on our records.

Members are asked to look out for further newsletters and notices of workplace meetings as this ballot process progresses.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact any of our negotiating team.

Unity is Strength

Bruce Mackie
QLD State President