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Dear Member

Barracks Allowance & Barracks Locations Conciliation

I refer to previous [newsletters](#) that outlined conciliation in Mackay with the Fair Work Commissioner in attendance today and seeking feedback on two proposals. I really appreciate all the feedback that was received. Overwhelmingly, members advised that settling this matter if at all possible was the best outcome for all.

One of the alternate proposals was that on barracks jobs there is an acceptance of the move to the Civeo Camp at Dysart and that in future NO MEALS will be provided on barracks jobs and PN Coal will pay barracks allowance as previously agreed i.e. drivers on barracks jobs will provide their own food as in the past was put to PN as a resolution that was supported by membership. HOWEVER, PN have responded by saying that Civeo are not prepared to supply accommodation only and the contract that PN have entered into states meals provided.

Given that this was the only position that has been discussed the Commission was advised that the parties are still in dispute and that we saw no option but to ask the Commission (the referee) to give a recommendation.

The Commission has advised that it will hand down a recommendation as soon as possible and obviously we feel we have a strong case to get a favourable response. HOWEVER, as I have said all the way along there are no certainties when you go to the referee.

Members will be updated as soon as news is to hand.

Unity is Strength

Bruce Mackie
Queensland State President