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PN COAL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member

EA Update

Members would be aware that after the final votes were counted in the recent ballot on your certified agreement the result was an overwhelming YES with a very high percentage of people casting a vote. With this in mind, this is the first step in a quite complex process of getting the agreement certified.

The next step by the end of today the agreement should be signed by the parties and the application filed and all of the complex affidavits and other matters are attended to. The matter is then listed for hearing with the Fair Work Commission and the parties are at the mercy of the Commission and when the hearing date may be, at present possibly 2-3 weeks.

The Commissioner then makes the decision that the agreement meets the current criteria and a decision is made and posted.

There is then a statutory seven day period once the agreement is certified until the agreement becomes operational. This timetable could be altered slightly pending the work load of the Commission.

Neither Your Union nor PN have any control over the timetable.

Since the vote was completed both parties have been working hard on pulling together all the necessary documentation.

As soon as we have more news about a hearing date this will be conveyed to members

Unity is Strength

Bruce Mackie

QLD State President