

Territory Generation Enterprise Agreement Negotiations

Bulletin 8

This bulletin only applies to employees covered by the 2015 – 2018 Territory Generation Enterprise Agreement

Improved Proposal for a new Enterprise Agreement

As reported in <u>Bulletin 6</u> I provided a proposal for a new Territory Generation Enterprise Agreement with improvements to Use of Contractors, Dual Trade Allowance and Mental Health conditions.

Today I presented a further improved proposal for a new agreement, providing increases of 2.5% per annum to the Industry Specific Skill Allowance (ISSA) for technical based classifications to reach in-principle agreement.

The proposals form part of a package of improved employment conditions for Territory Generation employees and covers a range of claims received in bargaining, Territory Generation initiatives and NTPS common conditions.

Key Highlights

Full details of these key highlights are outlined in the attached Information Sheet 3

Key highlights of the proposal include:

- Four year agreement with 2.5% annual wages increase
- First 2.5% wage rise commencing from 26 July 2018
- Improved Territory Generation conditions including:
 - Use of Contractor provisions
 - Mental Health provisions
 - Higher Duties Allowance (HDA)
 - Personal leave provisions
 - Dual Trade Allowance
 - Team Leader Allowance
 - Apprentices Targets
 - Part-time Employment
 - Increase of the ISSA for employees in the Trade Assistant/Technical, Technical Coordinator/Specialist, Operator and Operator/Maintainer classifications.
- Improved 'NTPS Common' provisions including:
 - Parental leave provisions (surrogacy, partner leave and superannuation)
 - Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Leave
 - Union Rights
 - Cultural and Ceremonial leave
 - Dispute Settlement Procedures
 - Kinship Recognition
- Maintain key terms and conditions including:
 - Leave and Allowances
 - o Use of Contractors
 - Employment Security
 - Redeployment and Redundancy
 - o Consultation on Introduction and Management of Change

I have asked bargaining representatives to formally respond to this proposal by 14 December 2018 to establish if in-principle agreement can be reached.

Feedback

Should you wish to express a view on the proposals or make a suggestion you can provide your feedback to me directly at <u>www.enterpriseagreements.nt.gov.au/general feedback</u>. All feedback will be treated confidentially.

Next Step

Once consideration of the proposal has been received the parties can consider the next step in securing a new enterprise agreement through a ballot. It is important that employees get to vote on a new agreement to allow salary increases and new terms and conditions to commence in a timely manner.

More Information

Regular Bulletins and Information Sheets relating to the bargaining process will be posted to the OCPE website for the <u>Territory Generation Enterprise Agreement</u>. Information on bargaining in general can be obtained at <u>www.fairwork.gov.au</u> or you can contact the Fair Work Commission on 1300 799 675.

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