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Enterprise Bargaining 2012

The United Firefighters Union and the QFRS have now been given the go ahead by the new LNP government to commence negotiations for the next round of Enterprise Bargaining. The QFRS in consultation with the UFU is preparing a list of dates for this to occur.

You will also be aware that the LNP has proposed a raft of changes to Industrial Relations legislation soon to be approved through State Parliament. These changes are significant and will certainly need to be considered with any future negotiations or proposed Industrial action.

The current wage policy of the LNP is for up to a three percent wage increase, which will come with a range of claims for us to consider. The LNP have also decided that the QFRS will start negotiations and if agreement is not reached between the parties by June 30, the government will then take over the negotiations from the QFRS.

Obviously we have a number of concerns with the recent Legislative change and the current political landscape. I will be providing regular updates on each and every step of the negotiations where possible and I will be striving to reach an outcome by the end of our current agreement. Due to the State Government elections and the time taken to appoint a Minister and set a Wage Policy, these talks will more than likely go beyond this deadline.

With regard to information on our progress I am in the process of designing a special edition newsletter titled UFU EB 2012 and I will add a link to our website that will hold all of the EB information in the one location.

John Oliver
State Secretary