

BALLOT RESULTS

99% VOTE "YES" TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) counted the protected action ballot today (24 September 2012) and the results show approximately 99% of ballot papers received returned a "yes" vote in favour of taking protected industrial action.

The ballot had a very high return rate considering the numbers of members who notified the union of concerns such as not receiving a ballot paper and documents being sent to the wrong address. Unfortunately, ECQ did not use the updated addresses supplied to them by your union, but relied on information provided by QFRS. As it turned out the return rate was much higher than usual despite the problems with the ballot and the overwhelming "yes" vote means the ballot result was a success.

Congratulations to all members for an impressive result in the face of a complicated new system.

The Union will notify members shortly of the initial specific bans and limitations to come in to effect from Friday this week.

Please note that we have no intention of hurting the community with industrial action.

It is crucial that we escalate our campaign for a fair enterprise bargaining package and I know you will all double your efforts at this critical time.

John Oliver
State Secretary