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Australian Education Union receives new offer from the NT Government as the mid year break starts

On Friday 20 June after schools had just started to farewell students and staff for the NT's four week break, the Commissioner for Public Employment handed union officials a revised offer. Nadine Williams AEU NT Branch President said it contained a few important changes and the following request:

"In making this offer I am seeking a firm commitment from the AEU full time officials to continue negotiating during the forthcoming stand-down period and if necessary for the union executive to quickly convene, consider and advise of its position in relation to those negotiations over that period. Further, I also seek a commitment from the AEU to cease all future industrial action at least until such time as the broader union membership has had the opportunity to fully consider the offer and the outcomes of the negotiations over the coming weeks." (Ken Simpson, Commissioner)

The latest offer from the NT Government proposes that there be a pay increase of 12% over 3 years and 3 months.

AEU members who work in schools are all now on school stand down and the reply from the AEU-NT President is: **"what great timing, to make a different offer and then demand full on negotiations as if it is possible to get the offer out for debate at workplaces in the next four weeks"**.

Ms Williams stated that **"We will continue to negotiate the current unacceptable conditions teachers and educators face in our schools. Our response initially to the revised offer? - Teachers are now worth 1% more than in April, and that our class sizes may be reduced by one child per teacher, but until there are improved conditions parents and concerned politicians should realise we want nothing less than an offer which can guarantee a quality education system. What teachers face now is nothing short of a collection of projects stuck together with sticky tape"**.

The AEU-NT will hold report back meetings with all AEU-NT members across the Territory as soon as term 3 commences in late July."

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