



Teachers & Educators Collective Bargaining Update # 30

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No Progress on Agreement

AEU-NT representatives met with the Commissioner for Public Employment and DEET representatives on Friday 4th April after the massively successful four-hour stop-work meetings across the Territory on March 31st.

There was a willingness on the Commissioner's part to talk about remote allowances, but it remains to be seen how they will address the issues of school development days and ERT salary.

On the issue of salary, the government remains firm. It refuses to budge from its offer of 11% over three years. The latest reports from other states suggest that Territory teachers, and the education system as a whole, will be severely disadvantaged if teachers and educators agreed to the 11%. Victorian teachers have been offered parity with NSW, and union members in WA have rejected a 16.4% (over three years) increase. With Tasmania determining its salaries around an average of the other states and territories, Territory teachers could see themselves near the bottom of the national salary table.

Also, with an inability to attract teachers to the Territory, teachers here could be facing even further workload increases.