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# Teachers & Educators Collective Bargaining Update # 34

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To: AEU Reps *for the attention of all AEU NT members at your workplace*

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## Why April 28?

AEU-NT negotiators met with the Commissioner and DEET representatives on Tuesday afternoon, April 22. The Commissioner tabled another offer to Teachers and Educators. The elements of the new offer are exactly the same as the 'proposal' put forward to AEU-NT negotiators the day before the full-day strike on April 17.

The Government's latest offer is available on the AEU-NT website [www.aeunt.org.au](http://www.aeunt.org.au).

The AEU-NT Executive met late on Wednesday afternoon 23 April to consider the latest offer. AEU-NT Executive voted unanimously to recommend rejection of the offer to regional stop-work meetings on April 28.

## Why April 28 ?

In response to queries on why AEU-NT Executive decided to move from the original proposal of a four-hour stop work action on May 7:

- a) Darwin/Palmerston Executive councillors reported that members at the Darwin meeting unanimously recommended further industrial action for April 30 & May 13.
- b) Support for a further four-hour stop work action was overwhelming across the regions, and the feeling from regional report-backs was that members wanted action sooner rather than later.
- c) April 30 is difficult to accommodate because of the calendar leading up to the AEU-NT's Annual Conference on May 3 and 4. In short, April 28 is the only day a stop-work can be organised for the week ending May 2. It was felt by Executive that not having a stop-work action that week would be contrary to the will of the majority of members.