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Collective Bargaining Update # 46

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SECOND BALLOT FAILS BUT THE FIGHT CONTINUES

The results of the second protected action ballot declared today show that there was less than 50% of ballot papers returned. Under Workchoices legislation, this means the questions on the ballot cannot legally be enacted, even though those who did vote voted overwhelmingly in favour of the actions listed.

Full results of the ballot will be posted on the AEU-NT website next week. In summary, though, the huge increase in AEU-NT membership over the last six months meant that many more papers needed to be returned on this ballot than was needed on the first protected action ballot.

We would like to congratulate all those who did participate in the ballot. While it fell a little short of the necessary 50%, the vote gave a clear indication that members continue to support industrial action to further the AEU-NT's claims.

This result does not affect the AEU-NT's ability to continue its current industrial actions.

Our bans on work outside prescribed hours and the capacity to take four hour and twenty-four hour stoppages are still in place.

The AEU-NT will continue its fight for decent salary and conditions at the bargaining table during the mid-year break.