

Dear Member

WESTERN MEAT PROCESSORS AGREEMENT UPDATE

The Union was in the Fair Work Commission today to get orders to have the company sit down and negotiate an agreement for workers at the Cowaramup abattoir.

This was a result from the petition that most workers at the abattoir signed last month.

The purpose of the petition is to allow the Union to seek an agreement that at the very least keep all the pay rates and conditions, plus regular pay increases for the life of the agreement.

There is no way that the Union will agree to an agreement that will take money from you and reduce your conditions.

It appears that the company may have confused you into believing that!

Worse still, the company believes that you did not know why you were signing the petition for.

I found this insulting!!

So to prove that you weren't lied to by the Union, I've agreed to the Commissioner's request to conduct a vote on the plant by the independent Australian Electoral Commission very soon.

You will be required to either support a Majority Support Determination for the Union to negotiate for an agreement to protect and improve your current pay and conditions.

Negotiations should include representatives from the workers and myself to make sure that the input of the workers are heard.

It is extremely important that we have an agreement that is registered in the Commission and is enforceable in law.

Remember that negotiations for an agreement is separate for the back pay that we will be pursuing the company for very soon.

But let's get the ball rolling on protecting your current pay and conditions first, and to improve it further.

Please do not hesitate to call me on 0415 066 707 if you have any questions about this.

In solidarity

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