



Pre-Stressing Sector Update

The CFMEU is in the process of re-establishing union standards in the pre-stressing sector. We have recently been in dispute with Structural Systems. Structural had a non-union EBA with no guarantee of union insurance (i.e. U-PLUS Workers Compensation Top-Up/24 Hour Insurance). In fact only half the workers were receiving this insurance protection. Also only half the workers were receiving ACIRT or the daily fares allowance of \$25.00 per day. Under the non-union EBA, workers were only entitled to a wage increase of less than 1% each 6 months. Arising from negotiations it was agreed with the company that;

1. All workers would receive ACIRT and union/U-PLUS insurance.
2. Wage increases would be increased to 2.5% each 6 months and;
3. Those workers receiving a public transport voucher from the company, instead of fares, would receive the \$25.00 per day fares allowance.

The union is continuing to negotiate with Structural Systems to formalise these improvements in a CFMEU EBA so there is greater legal protection for employees.

The CFMEU is appealing to all workers in pre-stressing to assist in the negotiation of new union EBAs in the sector. If we do not work together, standards will collapse.

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