

# CWU BULLETIN

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## Protected industrial action

### Proposed Phone Hook Up – 23/1/2019

#### Telstra Members

Dear Members,

A telephone hook-up is being arranged for Queensland Telstra  
CEPU/CWU Members, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – commencing at 7.30am.

The reason for this hook-up is to advise members on the postal ballot - 'Protected Industrial Action'

The postal ballot is to be conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC), in the following manner:

- **Roll of eligible voters closes** – Friday 18 January 2019
- **Ballot opens** – Monday 21 January 2019
- **Ballot closes** – Monday 25 February 2019

To be eligible to vote in the ballot, you **must** be a member of the CEPU/CWU.

Only a short time ago, employees forced Telstra back to the bargaining table after resoundingly rejecting their penny-pinching offer of a pay cut in real terms. And we have continued to bargain with Telstra in good faith – advancing your claims for a fair and equitable new EA at Telstra. We've made great progress in some key areas, however Andy Pennpincher and his team are standing by their pay-cut wage offer. They won't budge and the impasse needs to end.

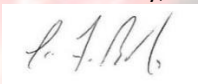
CEPU/CWU members need a wage rise, not a pay cut. CEPU/CWU members **deserve** a fair wage rise that allows you and your family to continue to meet your financial obligations and put food on the table.

Your **YES** vote is an opportunity for members to step up and show Telstra that **you deserve to be treated fairly** – that **you deserve to be able to meet the rising cost of living to provide for your family**.

Show them – **it's not acceptable to sack 9000** of your colleagues **and make you take a pay cut** while the **executive group pays themselves 200 times more than you** earn in a year. It's important for all members to ask each and every one of their colleagues, who may not yet be members, to **stand with you and join today**. As the roll of eligible voters closes on 18 January, new members should join **well before this date** to ensure the AEC receive their information and verify their eligibility in time.

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January we will advise members by email and text message of the dial in number and pin code for telephone hook-up

Yours faithfully,



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