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Ainslie Fire Station Dispute: Fair Work Commission Conference 25 July 2018.

Following failed attempts to resolve UFU concerns about Ainslie Fire Station, the dispute has been referred to the Fair Work Commission. A conciliation conference has been scheduled for 25 July.

Members are advised that:

- Ainslie Fire Station is subject to a safety dispute;
- Pending resolution of the dispute, the status quo provision of the enterprise agreement applies. No works are to take place.
- All discussion with ACTFR, ESA, JACSD or the ACT Government about Ainslie is to be directed to the UFU office;

The unresolved concerns include:

- The unsuitability of Ainslie for expansion;
- The absence of agreement with the ESA on the standard to be applied to fire station renovations;
- Proposals which would see:
 - Loss of drive through capacity for the engine bay;
 - o Trucks being reversed into an engine bay adjacent to a licensed club;
 - A lack of any area for familiarisation drills for the new aerial pumper appliance;
 - o Accommodation of firefighters in the engine bay;
 - A lack of a transition area;
 - No separation of clean and dirty traffic areas;
 - Inadequate parking;

Authorised by Greg McConville, Secretary, UFU, A.C.T. Branch.

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