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Outcome of Claim Endorsement Meetings

On behalf of the BCOM, I extend our thanks and appreciation to the membership for your engagement with the claim endorsement meetings held this week. The numbers that attended (over half of the membership), the overall conduct displayed and the approach taken by all speakers and attendees was commendable.

We had important decisions to make, and I am proud of the way this was approached and executed by the membership. The overall result was a set of claims that was overwhelmingly endorsed by the membership, and we have a united position going forward.

Two amendments (one to pursue 24-hour shifts, and the other concerning the approach to Flexible Working Arrangements (FWAs)) were strongly debated at both meetings, and the net result was that the amendments did not succeed.

Notwithstanding the fact that some members may not be entirely happy with the result, please be assured that we will continue to strive to deliver for all members. There is broad recognition, acceptance and empathy within the membership for the hardship that some members are experiencing through difficult circumstances. We will work to address ways that the union can secure greater support from the employer in these types of circumstances, including direct advocacy in relation to the specific cases that have come to our attention in recent weeks. In addition, we believe that the claim for income protection assistance will enhance the level of support available in difficult times.

We are also aware of an allegation of unacceptable conduct, and rather than comment on it (and potentially prejudice any investigation) we are taking necessary steps to address the matter. Overall however, I am genuinely proud of the conduct of our members as a whole in recent times. We have shown that we can approach difficult issues in a cooperative and cohesive way and can now move forward cohesively toward further gains for all.

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