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# OFFSHORE UPDATE

## M U A W A B R A N C H

Members,

This Update is covering off on the recent developments that have come about in the Oil and Gas EBA Negotiations - more specifically with Go Offshore. Please ensure that all Members read and understand what this company are seeking to do.

### GO Offshore EBA Negotiations

Earlier this week, the FWC approved us to head to a ballot of our members to be able to take protected action. We will be advising our Go Offshore membership to make sure that they Vote and **"Vote Yes"** to protected Action. All Go Offshore members will have the right to vote, so long as they are engaged with the Employer.

The ballot will commence early next week and the members will have 14 days to vote electronically.

We believe that Go Offshore will be replacing their casual employees with casuals engaged with one of the manning agents. If you receive a call from AOS, OSM, Atlas or any other Employer to join a Go Offshore vessel, I need to know ASAP. They are doing this to protect themselves from the Protected Action, as workers that are not employed by Go Offshore cannot take Protected Action.

What is strange about this, is that we are pursuing claims like that of AOS, OSM and Atlas. They are pushing back on our claims but are engaging contractors with the conditions that we are seeking...

We also believe that whilst the company has engaged the manning agents, they will seek to roll out a non-union EBA covering off on all the other departments. Therefore, one single agreement covering the MUA, AMOU and the AIMPE.

If that does occur, the Officers and Engineers need to get on board for the "NO VOTE" Campaign. As a matter of fact, all members on board Go Offshores vessels should begin engaging with the Officers in preparation of what may come.

All members must remain vigilant and ensure that I am kept up to date with any information the company sends to you. Once again, if you are a casual being engaged to work on a Go Offshore vessel – let me know asap!

### Atlas EBA

The Atlas Agreement has been voted up successfully and has been lodged with the Fair Work Commission. Congratulations to those members for locking in key conditions that secure dead days whilst working on board an Oil and Gas vessel!

We suspect in the next couple of weeks this EBA should become a registered document with the commission.

Our Permanent and Casual members at Atlas have also voted for Protect to be their Income Protection and Severance provider.

## Right of Entry Win!

The Pilbara Ports Authority (PPA) was established mid-2014. Shortly after the formation of the PPA, the Port established a new procedure restricting Union officials from being able to move freely within the port premises, despite having provided a formal Right of Entry (ROE) notice.

The PPA required representatives from the Union to always be escorted.

Over the years, we have found ourselves caught up in various disputes with the PPA and various Employers, who have failed to provide a company escort as per the PPA requirements.

In any event over the past few months, we have been meeting with the PPA to convince them to move away from Union officials requiring an escort. No other Port Authority in WA and possibly the country requires us to have an escort.

This week, the PPA formally wrote to us advising that their policy will change and we will be able to access the Port freely, subject to a few checks that we will need to adhere to (including an onsite induction). This is a great step forward for the Union, and most importantly, a great step forward for the MUA membership coming into the Mof Wharf in Dampier or working across the various PPA sites.

Go Offshore recently sought to have us pay for transport within the Toll Supply Base. This matter went to the FWC as we were not prepared to pay for this cost. Toll have a requirement on the vessel operators that they must provide us with transport to and from the vessel from the security gate. This is not a legislative requirement but a site requirement.

Both Toll and Go Offshore were blaming each other to the point where clearly the issue was not ours. Turns out that Go Offshore did have to pay for our transit and we will take that as a win as well!



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