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## Queensland Branch Committee Meeting - Svitzer Towage – Protect

### Queensland Branch Committee Meeting

A SUCCESSFUL Branch Committee meeting was held in the Brisbane Union Rooms on January 7 and 8, 2016. Delegates attended from many Queensland work areas and debate was keen and open, something the Branch leadership has been striving to encourage.

One of the particular highlights of the Branch Committee meeting was the signing of a political collaboration and support pact with the Queensland Branch of the Electrical Trades Union (ETU).



The pact cements longstanding working arrangements and gives both Unions, and in particular, the MUA Queensland Branch a more

powerful say for our work within the Australian Labor Party (ALP).

We look forward to working closely with Peter Simpson (Simmo); Stewie Traill; Peter Ong (Ongy); Keith MacKenzie (Macca); ETU Queensland Branch leadership and rank and file members to help place more progressive policies and seeing them implemented in the interest of Queensland Union members and their families.

### Svitzer Towage

THE SVITZER Towage Agreement has reached an “In Principle” Agreement and will go to the members for either acceptance or rejection in the not too distant future.

*Jason Miners – Deputy Branch Secretary*

### Protect Income Protection

ON THE 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of this month, members at DP World will be visited on all shifts by representatives of Protect and Branch Officials outlining the new income protection condition, how it operates and what is covered.

The Branch looks forward to discussing this and any other issues that may arise.

We also hope to have an information meeting at Patricks Terminal during these visits.

### QUBE

THE QUBE EBA discussions have begun for this year with discussions held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January in Port Kembla.

The company’s offer to our membership (THEIR EMPLOYEES) is a 4.5% WAGE CUT!

For the first year with CPI rises (annually) for the rest of the life of the Agreement.

This is totally and utterly unacceptable and the membership at a subsequent meeting were completely united in their opposition to the company's attack on them and their family's working life.

### **Best Wishes for the New Year**

THE QUEENSLAND Branch Officials, Organisers and staff would like to wish our members and their families the best for 2016.



2015 was a year of adversity with many attacks on Australian working lives. 2016 is gearing up the same. May we come together in collective strength to continue the fight for working class people in 2016.

### **Monthly Meeting – January**

The Branch's monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup>** in the Brisbane Union rooms from 9am. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **Activist Committee meetings**

ACTIVIST Committee meetings are held on the second and last Tuesday of every month. The meeting on the second Tuesday of the month starts at 10am in the Union rooms. The meeting on the last Tuesday of the month begins after the Monthly Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

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