

Utilities Management EA Update 06/09/2021

UMPL Announces a Retraction of Claims

The UMPL EA Bargaining Meeting was very productive this morning!

UMPL have announced that they have withdrawn the following claims:

- New Employees to be paid 80% of the current pay rate
- New Employees to be paid 70% of the current Allowances
- New Employees to get penalties of 1.5 for the first 3 hours
- New Supp Labour to be sourced at the Market Rate

This is a major development, and we'd like to thank our Members and Delegates for all their efforts in resisting these claims at the last vote. The claim for a change in the issue resolution procedure is still on UMPL's claim list. UMPL have also raised the subject of Availability of resources during weather events.

Well done to every worker who has stuck with the collective in resisting the 2-tiered wage proposal and the removal of Contractor Parity from the EA. Your efforts and all of your participation in the Industrial Action campaign are paying off. These claims would have done irreversible damage to our industry, and you should all be proud that you have been part of a campaign that has created a more stable industry.

This is a great win, but the struggle is not over, yet.

The next EA Meeting is set down for Thursday the 16th of September 2021 at 10AM. UMPL have stated that they will have an offer for us to consider at that meeting.

If you have any questions or queries, please talk to your Union Delegate or Organiser.

SAME WORK, LESS PAY, WE SAY, NO WAY!

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