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Dear

Last week the Bargaining Team met again with ECU management for 2 days of intensive bargaining. The main purpose of the meeting was to take stock of progress so far on the claims you have asked us to negotiate on your behalf. Overall, we are pleased with the progress and have reached agreement on many matters and the drafting of revised provisions is underway. But as always, there are important matters that we have not yet settled. We met again with management on Wed this week

Of course, in addition to the many claims we presented, salary increases are central to the overall package of the Enterprise Agreement, and we hope to have some further information on that front to report very soon. You have provided loyal, passionate, determined, and professional service over your time at ECU, in particularly complex circumstances over the last few years. The salary offer must reflect that. Inflation and cost-of-living pressures have steadily (and recently dramatically) eroded real wages and we must take urgent steps to ensure that you do not fall even further behind the cost-of-living curve.

Negotiations have continued in good faith, and we are confident that we are close to finalisation in terms of activity at the bargaining table. We aim to be in a position very soon to give you an opportunity to consider what we have achieved. Thank you again for your support.

Please email ecu@nteu.org.au with any queries.

In Unity,



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