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**WEEKLY BULLETINS**  
We will be back to our usual weekly bulletins now. Workload and holidays have caused the delay.

**YOUR BRANCH AT WORK**  
The last few weeks have been particularly busy as we dealt with many matters. TZV is a very active area. We have issues in NBN, Aus Post and some smaller companies. We have settled the Nokia matter following a vote. We have just completed a case in the FWC involving bullying in NBN. We still have open matters in Optus and NBN.  
Ahead we have the usual large number of individual numbers. We are commencing a claim to upgrade some CFW4 and CFW5 members in Telstra. And we have an EBA to negotiate in TZV. Several formal disputes exist in TZV.

**TZV WIN APPEAL - MENTORING ALLOWANCE**  
The Federal Court has handed down its decision. In a complex decision the Court found that the Magistrate at first instance had erred and the Court overturned the Magistrates decision. The [**decision**](https://cwuvic.org.au/database/esta/tzv070.pdf) can be found on our web page.  [**More**](https://cwuvic.org.au/database/nswnew/bull2516.htm)

**FEDERAL COURT DECISION -EXTRACT**  
The following is an extract from the decision: *a wage for a position is generally intended to provide compensation for skills and knowledge inherent in the role, whereas an allowance is a payment in compensation for some additional skill, knowledge, or hardship.*   [**More**](https://cwuvic.org.au/database/nswnew/bull2516.htm)

**WIDEBAND SOD EOD – NEW POLICY**  
We are still receiving reports that Telstra has tried to implement a new policy whereby wideband staff must now adopt the Start of Day and End of Day provisions in the EBA. SOD and EOD was designed for staff who attended different customer premises each day (on the box), and did not apply to wideband staff. However, we are seeing some creative views by management. We need to check this particularly the variations being suggested. We welcome any input.  
    
**TELSTRA PURPLE REDUNDANCIES**  
Telstra has advised off a proposal for redundancies. Should this proposal proceed, it would result in a net reduction of 28 roles, taking into account new roles that have been created. The roles are split between Telstra Purple Pty Ltd (18) and Telstra Limited (10). If any member has a problem, please contact us.

**OPTUS REDUNDANCIES**  
Optus has also advised of redundancies. Overall, there are 99 roles affected which span across New South Wales (48), South Australia (21), Victoria (17), Queensland (8), the Australian Capital Territory (4). If any member has a problem, please contact us.

**NO NUKES FOR THE LATROBE VALLEY**  
Story from the *Sentinel Times Gippsland: 'NO NUKES for the Valley’ is the declaration on the side of a trailer being driven across the Monash electorate in an effort to raise awareness about the negative impacts of nuclear energy. John Ellery and Ken Hardisty from the Communications Workers Union are the pair towing the trailer, which also features Mr Burns - an evil nuclear power plant owner from The Simpsons cartoon.*   [**More**](https://cwuvic.org.au/database/nswnew/bull2516.htm)

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