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LATE NEWS

We have just received the news that our union colleague and life member, Paul Lightfoot, passed away on Saturday. More next Bulletin.

NO BULLETIN – WE HAVE BEEN BUSY!

We have been very busy over the past few weeks with a number of legal matters arising at the same time. Bulletins were put on hold as weekends were needed to prepare for three FWC hearings. And we have more hearings ahead. See the reports below

TELSTRA HFC CASE

The case involves HFC workers whose Telstra work was transferred to NBN. This was due to be heard in full in the FWC. However, Telstra raised a late jurisdictional objection. This is heard separately. [More](#)

BAI EBA MEETING

The BAI Technical EA is due to expire soon. To prepare for these negotiations, the CWU will be holding a meeting of employees on Wednesday 11 March at 6.30pm Sydney time. Join the [Online Zoom Meeting](#) here. Or meeting Phone +61370182005, ID: 886 4305 5569 Passcode: 358877 . [More](#)

TZV REDUNDANCY CASE

We are representing a member who believes that his redundancy was not a genuine redundancy under the Fair Work Act. The case involves an analysis of the TZV redundancy practices and procedures. [More](#)

TZV UNFAIR DISMISSAL

This is a difficult case. TZV allege that holding a (previously secret) Police Security Clearance (in addition to a National Police Check) is an inherent requirement of most jobs in TZV. Most members would be unaware that this exists. [More](#)

NBN START OF DAY CASE

Preparations continue as the Court's hearing dates (9 and 10 April) approach. The case involves one member, and the claim (simply put) is for overtime for the 30 minutes start of day work and 30 minutes end of day work [More](#)

TZV SUPPORT EBA

After many months and unexplained delays, TZV have finally set a date to reveal their new structure for Support staff. Their letter states: *At our next meeting scheduled on 17 March 2026, we will provide all members a confidential "Without Prejudice" document that outlines the structure.* [More](#)

TELSTRA MEDICAL DECLARATION

Some members have recently raised the need to complete Medical Declaration Forms. This of course is an invasion of your privacy but may be necessary to a very limited degree. On the one hand, medication may have no effect on your job. [More](#)

OPTUS REDUNDANCIES

We met with Optus this week to be briefed on the proposed redundancies. No progress was made at the meeting, but some issues arose. One issue was the notice of termination and a possible underpayment to members. We wrote to Optus as follows: [More](#)

TELSTRA REDUNDANCIES

Telstra has advised that some of the redundancies are going ahead. Their latest advice states: *Following consultation, the final result is a net reduction of 79 roles.* [More](#)

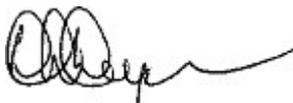
TELSTRA'S OFFSHORING DISGRACE: TELCO'S RESPONSES FALL SHORT. RISKS REMAIN, FIGHT CONTINUES.

(This is from a National Bulletin of the Communications Division): *Thank you to every member who attended our meeting and demanded answers. Your questions exposed just how reckless and short-sighted Telstra's massive skills offshoring agenda truly is.* [More](#)

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