



UNITED WE STAND

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## EB NEWSLETTER

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Fire Calls Only to commence in 54 days.

## Count down to Fire Calls Only

Members will be aware that the new Industrial Laws have now passed through Parliament. These laws are designed to restrict and encumber your right to take industrial action in support of your enterprise bargaining claims.

To date, the new laws have not been given formal assent and do not have the force of law. They are expected to take effect any day.

The legislative changes suggest the government as your employer is using its Parliamentary power to exert a bargaining advantage over you. The new laws are in effect, a first strike against us in the bargaining campaign.

I have served a Log of Claims on the QFRS this week and have been pushing for a meeting with them to discuss our EB claim.

To date QFRS have stated they are unable to meet with us just yet.

As a result of the reluctance of QFRS to meet and the new laws being put in place trying to restrict your rights, I have authorised Fire Calls Only. QFRS have been notified of our intention to commence protected industrial action for our Firefighters and Communications Centre members from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

Fire Calls Only, will only be invoked if we do not have a new agreement package in place by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

I am optimistic that early notification of our intent will motivate the QFRS to get their act together and consider your claims, and also allow us to avoid the application of some of the new biased laws.

I will keep you posted as to what further steps the new laws will require the Members to take as the bargaining progresses.

In the meantime please count down the days until 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012. It is not unreasonable to expect some response and bargaining progress by then.

54 Days to go!

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Form 52 Version 1 Notice of giving of authorisation of industrial action Industrial Relations Act 1999, section 177(1)(c) (Form for notice giving authority to engage in industrial action)

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## NOTICE OF GIVING OF AUTHORISATION OF INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Industrial Relations Act 1999, section 177(1)(c)

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(Matter No. CA 120/21 37)

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TO:

The Industrial Registrar, Industrial Registry, Level 13, Central Plaza 2, 66 Eagle Street, (Corner Creek and Elizabeth Streets), Brisbane 4000, GPO Box 373, Brisbane Q 4001 Phone: (07) 3227 8060 Fax: (07) 3221 6074

IN THE MATTER of a proposed certified agreement between United Firefighters Union of Australia, Union of Employees, Queensland and Queensland Fire and Rescue Service.

The date on which advice of the proposer's intention was given under section 143(2) of the Act was 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Under section 177(1)(c) of the Act, notice is given to the registrar that the members of the United Firefighters Union of Australia, Union of Employees, Queensland were authorised on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to engage in industrial action against Queensland Fire and Rescue Service for the purposes of negotiating a certified agreement under chapter 6, part 1 of the Act. The Award for the proposed certified agreement is Queensland Fire Service Interim Award – State.

The peace obligation period will commence on 17th June 2012 and will end on 8th July 2012.

Dated: 7th June 2012

Signed by John Oliver, State Secretary

for United Firefighters Union of Australia, Union of Employees, Queensland Signature

JOHN OHIVER

Print Name

STATE SECRETARY

(Witness)

In the presence of

Signature

JOHN SPRECULLY

Print Name