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### **Conciliation Update**

I, along with our senior industrial officer, attended the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) on 15 November 2012.

At the conciliation conference the QFRS in effect told the QIRC that they weren't prepared to negotiate any further and once again asked the tribunal to refer the matters for arbitration.

Your union argued that negotiations should continue and that even if the parties were unable to agree, the matters should not be arbitrated, as our current agreement could continue to operate.

QIRC is now considering whether to refer the matters to arbitration.

I will advise members as soon as I receive the QIRC's decision.

In the meantime, I urge all members to participate wherever possible in our campaigns for a fair go.

In the event we are denied a right to make an agreement and forced into arbitration against our will, we will need to move into the next stage of our campaign over the next year.

**John Oliver**  
**State Secretary**

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