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## ACE Update

**Your representatives from the ASU met with ACE Management on Wednesday February 20, to discuss negotiating a new EBA for the valuable Relay Officers at ACE.**

We believe that your new Agreement should be a combination of your current Award conditions and your existing EBA.

ASU Assistant Secretary Mary-Anne O'Neill advised that negotiations should not be delayed any longer and expensive legal action to determine jurisdiction can be entirely avoided.

Furthermore, ACE management was informed that the ASU may consider entering the Federal jurisdiction for an Agreement which:

- Covers every single Relay Officer;
- Allows for staff on AWA's to be covered by new Agreement; and
- Protects anything that needs to be removed from the current agreement in a side agreement or "deed".

So that negotiations could be effectively progressed the ASU forwarded a copy of the Award, the EBA that is in place, and our log of claims in an email to Management on Friday February 22.

We are now discussing potential meeting dates with ACE Management and members will be informed.

### Your EB Committee

The EB Committee and log of claims need to be formally endorsed by the ASU Members at ACE.

For this to occur, it is important that all ASU Members at ACE attend one of the following meetings at the Stones Corner Coffee Club.

9.30am Wednesday	March 5 2008
4.00pm Wednesday	March 5 2008
9.30am Thursday	March 6 2008
4.00pm Thursday	March 6 2008

These meetings will be an opportunity to discuss your concerns and resolve important issues at your work-place.

### Congratulations on your success!

Your Union office has been contacted by several Members of Parliament who recognise your concerns about the use of AWA's at ACE.

We are currently talking to the Government about the ways they may be able to assist. It is fantastic to see that your emails to these MP's are having an impact.

Should you have any question or concerns about the EBA or any other issue please contact your ASU Delegates or ASU Organiser, Lisa Jurd on (07) 3252 8666.