



## Combined Transport Unions to take the Award to Arbitration

Dear Members,

This week the Combined Transport Unions (**CTU**) attended a second conciliation conference at the NSW Industrial Relations Commission.

The CTU have been trying to get Transport for NSW (**Transport**) to bargain in good faith, engage properly with our claims, and offer a pay increase that at the very least keeps pace with the cost of living.

Unsurprisingly, Transport refused to shift from their position of 9.5% over 3 years.

Transport is insisting that their hands are tied and there simply is no money – but as we know, ALL BOSSES ARE BROKE whenever bargaining comes around.

In a nasty move, Transport stated that it would claw back 0.5% off the offer as retaliation if the CTU takes the matter to arbitration.

We believe we have a better chance of getting a decent pay increase if we refer the matter to the NSW Industrial Relations Commission to decide the matter- the Commission will have to take into account the Wage Price Index (**WPI**) (currently 4.1%), inflation (**CPI**) and recent Fair Work Commission decisions.

Unions are also continuing to progress the fight for the abolishment of Forfeited Flex! Preparations are under way to take the issue of Forfeited Flex, aka WAGE THEFT, to Court.

If you are forfeiting flex and want to be part of this campaign, please contact your organiser Amanda Perkins [aperkins@rtbu-nsw.asn.au](mailto:aperkins@rtbu-nsw.asn.au).

There will be further updates so stay tuned.

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