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Teachers Union Accept Latest Pay Offer

Minister for Public Employment Rob Knight has welcomed last night’s decision by the Northern Territory Branch of the Australian Education Union to accept the Government’s latest pay offer.

The AEU Executive’s decisions means the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement offer will now be put to all teachers for a formal vote.

“This Government respects and values the hard work of our teachers, and this offer will keep Territory teachers amongst the best paid in Australia,” Mr Knight said.

“I am pleased the AEU Executive last night accepted the Government’s offer – which significantly builds on previous proposals - and will take it to their membership.

“The offer will deliver a pay rise for all Territory teachers, and addresses a range of working conditions including offering primary school teachers one less contact hour per week.

“If the offer is accepted, the majority of teachers will also benefit from a lump sum back-payment of about $3 900 – and we will work to make sure that payment is in teachers' pockets as soon as possible.

“I look forward to all Territory teachers having the opportunity to vote on the EBA and seeing an agreement reached for the benefit of teachers and students alike.”

Mr Knight encouraged all teachers to log onto http://www.workplaceagreements.nt.gov.au/teachers_educators for further information about the offer.

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