

## **Schedule 2.1 Notice of employee representational rights**

(regulation 2.05)

*Fair Work Act 2009*, subsection 174 (6)

*The University of New England* gives notice that it is bargaining in relation to two enterprise agreements (*The University of New England General Staff and ELC Teachers Enterprise Agreement* and *The University of New England Academic Staff Enterprise Agreement*) which is proposed to cover employees that are employed by the University of New England in the classifications of: HEO 1 to 10 for General Staff ; Salary Level 1 to 12 for English Language Centre Staff including Language Instructor, Senior Language Instructor and Deputy Director of Studies; and Level A to E for Academic staff.

### **What is an enterprise agreement?**

An enterprise agreement is an agreement between an employer and its employees that will be covered by the agreement that sets the wages and conditions of those employees for a period of up to 4 years. To come into operation, the agreement must be supported by a majority of the employees who cast a vote to approve the agreement and it must be approved by an independent authority, Fair Work Australia.

### **If you are an employee who would be covered by the proposed agreement:**

You have the right to appoint a bargaining representative to represent you in bargaining for the agreement or in a matter before Fair Work Australia about bargaining for the agreement.

You can do this by notifying the person in writing that you appoint that person as your bargaining representative. You can also appoint yourself as a bargaining representative. In either case you must give a copy of the appointment to your employer.

If you are a member of a union that is entitled to represent your industrial interests in relation to the work to be performed under the agreement, your union will be your bargaining representative for the agreement unless you appoint another person as your representative or you revoke the union's status as your representative.

### **If you are an employee covered by an individual agreement:**

If you are currently covered by an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA), individual transitional employment agreement (ITEA) or a preserved individual State agreement, you may appoint a bargaining representative for the enterprise agreement if:

- the nominal expiry date of your existing agreement has passed; or
- a conditional termination of your existing agreement has been made (this is an agreement made between you and your employer providing that if the enterprise agreement is approved, it will apply to you and your individual agreement will terminate).

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about this notice or about enterprise bargaining, please speak to either your employer, bargaining representative, go to [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au), or contact the Fair Work Australia Helpline on 1300 799 675.