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AEU MEMBERS REQUESTED NOT TO CROSS NTEU PICKET LINE ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) has advised UnionsACT that it is taking industrial action at UNSW in response to management's intransigence on NTEU claims and lack of movement in bargaining. This industrial action will include members employed at AFDA which is a campus of UNSW.

A 24 hour strike at ADFA will be held next Wednesday, 16 September. The NTEU will be holding a picket line at the main entry to ADFA from 7:30am.

The NTEU advises that:

- it has been seeking to negotiate a new Enterprise Agreement with UNSW management for 14 months and nearly five months have now passed since the expiry of the Academic and General/Professional & Technical Staff Agreements. During this time the University has refused to agree to most of the NTEU's log of claims.
- results from the ballot for industrial action show that strike action was strongly supported by NTEU members.

UnionsACT has endorsed the NTEU action through the following motion:

UnionsACT endorses the strike action and pickets being taken by the NTEU in support of their legitimate bargaining claims at UNSW/ADFA to be held on 16 September 2009. UnionsACT will advise affiliates not to take any action that will undermine the NTEU's action.

Consistent with the UnionsACT endorsement of this action, I ask all AEU members to respect the NTEU's industrial action and not to cross the 24-hour picket line at ADFA from 7:30am on Wednesday 16 September.

If this causes a problem for pre-arranged school activities on that date, please contact the AEU office for further advice - telephone 6272-7900.

Thank you in anticipation of your support of our NTEU colleagues in their campaign for a new Enterprise Agreement.

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