MINUTES OF THE DIVISIONAL BRANCH COUNCIL OF THE CONSTRUCTION, FORESTRY AND MARITIME EMPLOYEES UNION, CONSTRUCTION & GENERAL DIVISION QUEENSLAND NORTHERN TERRITORY DIVISIONAL BRANCH HELD AT 16 CAMPBELL STREET, BOWEN HILLS ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024 COMMENCING AT 3:20PM

Present: **Michael Ravbar, Jade Ingham, Kane Lowth, Royce Kupsch, Craig Brown, Steve Amies Josh Burling, Tony Dougherty, Dallas Ezzy, Steven Gaske, Terry Hamilton, Tom McGovern, Ian McKewin, Keith Murphy, Mark Read, Michael Robinson, Jacqui Collie**

Apologies: **Peter Close**

WELCOME

The Divisional Branch Secretary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SESSION TIMES

Decision: Adoption of Session times to be accepted.

Moved: Steve Gaske Seconded: Ian McKewin

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

- Material Personal Interest

The Chair called for disclosures from members:

No other revisions were declared from Divisional Branch Executive Members

- Conflict of Interest

There were no potential conflicts of interest.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy Union, Construction & General Division, Queensland Northern Territory Divisional Branch Executive held on 10 November 2024 were presented to the Executive.

Decision: *"That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2024 be adopted as a true and correct record".*

Moved : Ian McKewin Seconded: Mark Read

TEMPORARY ORGANISERS

The Divisional Branch Secretary noted the CFMEU temporary organisers as at March 2024, Dean Mattas, Dennis Mitchell, Grant White, Josh Burling, Matthew Vonhoff, Peter D'Arcy, Tim Jarvis, Dylan Howard, Josh Thompson, Jamie Porter, Hoani Edwards, Ryan Whakaruru, Peter Wright, Chad Bragdon, Cameron Paul, Paul Ivan, Eben Cox, Trevor Sinclair, Cody Budgeon, Hayden Turner

Decision: *"That the Divisional Branch Council endorses the reappointment of the temporary officials in accordance with the rules."*

Moved: Keith Murphy Seconded: Tony Dougherty

NATIONAL MATTERS

- Fair Act Reform

The Divisional Branch Secretary reported that there is likely to be no other significant changes to the Federal Industrial Relations laws before the upcoming Federal election. He advised that this union had a number of IR matters that have not been addressed by the Federal Government, i.e. Corrupting benefits offences under the Fair Work Act 2009, Right of Entry etc and that it is unlikely that any of our legal matters are going to be addressed before some time which is disappointing. He advised that despite this the union will continue to lobby the government and the senate to get support to make further Industrial Relations changes.

- Federal Office

The Divisional Branch Secretary reported that CFMMEU National Secretary, Christy Cain is due to retire in June with Zach Smith, National Secretary, Construction and General Division to replace Christy in the role.

The Assistant Divisional Branch Secretary supplemented the report.

- Manufacturing Division

The Divisional Branch Secretary gave an update on matters concerning the Manufacturing Division.

The Assistant Divisional Branch Secretary supplemented the report.

Decision: *"That the reports be received."*

Moved: Craig Brown Seconded: Dallas Ezzy

NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

The Divisional Branch Secretary gave a report on the following campaigns:

- Manufacturing
- Civil and Infrastructure
- Silica

Decision: *"That the reports be received."*

Moved: Tom McGovern Seconded: Steve Amies

LEGAL/IR MATTERS

The Divisional Branch Secretary reported that a number of ABCC cases are currently being decided and will also be in the federal court in the next few months. He advised that the vast majority were able to be negotiated with the FWO and reached a fair outcome for the union. The Divisional Branch Secretary also updated the union on the major ACCC case advising that it was on appeal to the high court.

Decision: *"That the reports be received."*

Moved: Mick Robinson Seconded: Tony Dougherty

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4:18pm