

# BEVCHAIN UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2021



# JOB SECURITY STILL A CONCERN

Your TWU bargaining committee met with Bevchain on 6 and 7 Sept to progress your log of claims.

With the TWU Protected Action Ballot (PAB) opening on Wednesday 8 September, Bevchain came to the table with some improvements, **dropping the following claims:** 

Removal of custom and practice	B-rates for new employees
Attack on status quo	"Standardisation" of the classification structures
"Flexible" working arrangements	Increases to the span of hours

While these concessions won by your negotiating committee are an important step forward, BevChain's position remains a concern.

### **UNMET OR OUTSTANDING CLAIMS:**

- ➤ Job security ratios introduction of site-by site ratios with safeguards to ensure enforcement, so that the company can't hide behind a national ratio. BevChain is increasingly using outside hire at cheaper rates to undermine rates/ conditions.
- ➤ Job security full utilisation ensuring BevChain employees are given work and offered overtime before sub-contractors are given additional loads
- X Superannuation pathway to 15%

- ★ 3% per year pay and allowance increase, backdated to expiry of the last state agreement of 1 July 2020 - BevChain wants pay increases to align with its competitors and rejected backpay
- ➤ BevChain wants a TWU commitment on industry competitiveness – while we agree that BevChain should remain competitive, we can't have a race to the bottom. BevChain must maintain industry standards on rates, terms and conditions.

# **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

There's a long way to go before we achieve a BevChain NEA that provides job security for members. With the PAB coming to a close and the recent industrial actions taken by TWU members in Toll, it's no surprise to see concessions in this round of bargaining.

# **WHAT YOU CAN DO**





