



## **Wageround 2005 – Update # 1**

### **Joint Communication to Staff/Union Members re: Progress in Collective Agreement Bargaining**

Since initiation of bargaining on May 2<sup>nd</sup> Connex and the Union have met together on two occasions. The first in Wellington, on May 2, was to discuss and agree on the good faith framework for bargaining in conjunction with Toll NZ. All three parties agreed the protocols for the conduct of bargaining. The agreed and signed framework is attached. It was also agreed that the parties would meet separately in Auckland to formally exchange their respective claims for the Collective Agreement Renewal.

Connex and the RMTU met on Wednesday 18 May at the Connex head office in Citibank House Auckland to exchange and explain each other's claims.

The parties took the opportunity of the claims meeting to seek clarification on the issues and agree that they will use the week commencing 23 May to meaningfully consider the issues raised or claimed. It was also agreed that the Union claims document would be distributed to Union members but at the companies' request the employer claims will be confined to the negotiating teams at this stage.

The RMTU, Connex and Toll NZ have agreed to meet week commencing 30 May in Rotorua to commence the "formal" negotiation of the parties' claims. All 3 parties will meet together on the Monday with the rest of the week being reserved for separate bargaining between Toll NZ and the RMTU. Connex and the RMTU will meet after this time.

Another joint information notice will be issued at the conclusion of the 30 May to 3 June talks in accordance with the Good Faith bargaining Code agreed.

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