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As a public servant I would like to express my dissatisfaction that this bargaining process has not achieved an outcome.

I can whole heartedly empathise with the position of government on this topic, having to stick to their guns on this agreement due to 'supposed' budgetary constraints, however does that not mean that employees are stupid to endorse a pay deal that essentially sees an employee take home less in pay in exchange for fewer employee conditions.

I add again that employees are not stupid when looking at this enterprise agreement and the position of government. Continued procrastination by all parties in this bargaining process has seen no movement for over 3 years, and in that time government would have saved tens of millions of dollars which could accommodate a CPI adjustment and no loss of conditions on the present agreement for all staff, however as always, it's not a question of money, it's always a question of entitlements.

I will not be voting yes on this agreement ever if the agreement remains in its present form, and compounding insult to injury that politicians have continually passed themselves greater than CPI salary adjustments with no loss of present conditions is a kick in the guts in my book.

Do as we say, not as we do!!....Not likely.

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