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Woolworths agreement receives 93% yes vote

Woolworths workers vote yes - an overwhelmingly 93% 'yes' vote has been cast in support of the new Woolworths agreement.

Almost 68,000 Woolworths workers across Australia participated in the ballot. The overwhelmingly 'yes' vote endorses a new enterprise agreement that protects take home pay, improves penalty rates, secures hard-won SDA conditions and ensures that all Woolworths workers receive pay rises.

The new Woolworths agreement secures wages and working conditions for the next four years.

SDA National Secretary Gerard Dwyer said the vote was an outstanding win for Woolworths workers who would now enjoy enhanced wages and working conditions under the new agreement.

"We are extremely pleased this new agreement has received such strong support from Woolworths workers right across Australia with an overwhelming 93% yes vote."

"We've also seen an incredible turnout with 67,774 (62%) Woolworth workers voting in the ballot."

Mr Dwyer said that the strong result was a tribute to the hard work SDA store Delegates and Organisers have undertaken in consulting with Woolworths workers right across the country over many months.

"Our Organisers and Delegates have worked extremely hard to shape and produce an agreement that delivered on the things Woolworths workers told us were important to them."

"Woolworths workers wanted to protect their take home pay, improve penalty rates, secure hard-won SDA conditions and ensure that all workers received pay rises."

"I'm really pleased to say that this new proposed agreement delivers on all fronts."

My Dwyer said that the new agreement also included a strong range of above award conditions and entitlements.

"We're very pleased the proposed agreement will deliver a one-off payment of up to \$1,100 in cash and gift cards (depending on hours worked and length of service) for Woolworths workers."

"The agreement also includes improved rostering arrangements for part time workers and makes it easier for casuals to convert to part time employment."

"The proposed agreement also retains hard won SDA conditions such as voluntary work on public holidays and a 15-minute tea break."

"We're also very pleased the proposed new agreement delivers paid domestic violence leave."

The new agreement will now be lodged with the Fair Work Commission for finalisation.

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