

Enterprise Agreement Negotiation Update

At the 20 December, 2011 SPARQ negotiation meeting significant progress was made by the parties.

Historically the SPARQ Agreement has expired 4 - 6months after other Energy Industry Agreements (Ergon, ENERGEX, etc). The Ergon Agreement expired in September, 2011 and the ENERGEX Agreement expired in October, 2011. Currently, both of these Agreements are still being negotiated. The current SPARQ Agreement expires on 30 January, 2012.

The later expiry date for the SPARQ Agreement has assisted with the SPARQ negotiations as many outcomes reached in other Agreements have flowed through to the SPARQ Agreement. However, this round of bargaining has seen the possibility of the SPARQ Agreement expiry date lining up with the other industry Agreements.

We now need to hear from members on how you would feel about having either a 3 and ½ year Agreement or a 4 year Agreement to keep this non-aligned expiry date. Please let your Union Representatives know by filling out the short survey below and returning to the Union office.

In the meantime, your Union Representatives will continue working hard throughout this negotiation process to reach an agreement on your behalf.

The survey can be filled out in Adobe Reader, saved to your computer, attached to an email and returned to: members@qld.asu.net.au or it can be printed out, completed and faxed back to the union office on **07 3017 6235**. Please return your completed survey **by Wednesday 11 January, 2012**.
Please note: All information provided will remain strictly confidential.

Agreement Length Survey

3 and ½ year Agreement Yes No

4 year Agreement Yes No

Name:

Division: Phone Contact:

For more information about this bulletin please contact your local Delegate or phone the Union Office on 1800 177 244 or email: members@qld.asu.net.au