

## **Candidate Statement**

### **Eva Vega**

My name is Eva Vega and I am running for reelection as a Branch Committee Member of the CWU Victorian Postal and Telecommunications Branch.

I started my employment with Australia Post in 2001 at the Customer Contact Centre (CCC). In 2004, I left the company for 14 months and rejoined in 2006 as a full-time customer care consultant. I have had the opportunity to work in other parts of the organization including in Central Recruitment from 2007 until 2009 when I decided to return to part-time study. In 2013, I completed my Advance Diploma of Justice at Holmesglen Institute of Technology. Outside of work, I am a wife, a mother and a grandmother to 2 beautiful girls aged 10 and 7.

My involvement with the union movement stems from a personal experience in 2011 trying to negotiate flexible working hours so I can attend evening class. It was such a strenuous effort that stretched for a few weeks of unnecessary stress and I vowed to involve myself in union activities and become a union delegate so I can help my colleagues stand up for their workplace rights and be a voice for those fearful to speak up.

Through the guidance of then CWU Victorian Branch Secretary Joan Doyle, we successfully disputed below workplace issues at the CCC to the Fair Work Commission.

2017 CCC Management agreed to pay reasonable set-up time of up to 10 minutes and 5 minutes pack-up time in line with Fair Work Commission recommendation.

2014 Reclassification of 4 out of 16 roles from Level 3 to Level 4 as per Fair Work Commission recommendation.

If re-elected as a Branch Committee Member, I will continue to hold our elected officials accountable for the adequate disbursements of members funds and will work closely with elected officials to ensure membership growth to deliver a sustainable future for CWU Victorian Postal and Telecommunications Branch.

Thank you.