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News on jobs this week?

Your union is hearing speculation that News Ltd management will make an announcement on job cuts and the national features initiative soon. These rumours are in line with group editorial director Campbell Reid's promise at the last meeting with Alliance representatives (May 6) that he would brief staff within a fortnight.

Your representatives have called for:

- **The cap on benefits for those aged over 65 years to be removed.**
- **Staff to be moved off individual contracts and onto the collective agreement.**
- **Redundancies should be voluntary, so everyone has an opportunity to apply.**
- **The discriminatory provisions in the redundancy agreement should be addressed – ie, the 65 years of age cap and the reduced payment for people who've moved from full time to part-time.**
- **Discussions about options that could save jobs (eg reduced working hours).**

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Appointment of bargaining agent

Name _____

Address _____

I appoint the Federal Secretary, Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance or his/her representative, as my bargaining agent in relation to the making and approving of any Australian Workplace Agreement, Individual Transitional Employment Agreement (ITEA) or Certified Agreement, or on the variation or termination of any Australian Workplace Agreement, Individual Transitional Employment Agreement or Certified Agreement.

This notice shall remain in effect until it is cancelled by me in writing.

Signature _____

Date _____

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