

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Sam Brotherton Update

Dear Members,

You would be aware of the case that the AFULE had taken to the Federal Court in relation to the treatment of one of our AFULE sub branch representatives – Sam Brotherton of Toowoomba.

Last month Sam, myself and our legal team attended mediation at the Federal Court in Brisbane with representatives of Aurizon and their legal counsel.

Today I can report that an agreeable confidential settlement has been reached between the parties and that this matter will no longer be going to trial on October 21 as first reported.

Sam, members of the AFULE Divisional Council and myself are content with the settlement offer made by Aurizon.

This matter was highly important for the AFULE to pursue and a successful outcome was achieved for our member.

I wish to congratulate Sam for how he has conducted himself throughout this process and more importantly, I wish to thank him for all of the hard work he has done supporting, advising and advocating for his workmates at the Toowoomba depot. Sam is a true unionist and will be involved with the AFULE for many years to come.

I also wish to thank our Barrister - Bob Reed and our legal team at Maurice Blackburn, particularly Lawyer - Patrick Turner, for their diligent work throughout.

Rail operators across the state know that the AFULE will always fight for and defend the rights of its delegates, members and officials.

If you would like further information, please contact you state office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKittrick
State Secretary

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