Dear members,

Yesterday afternoon the AFULE commenced a Step 1 Dispute with Aurizon in relation to a direction to take leave, move RDO’s or take leave without pay for an upcoming planned network shutdown from September 5 – 10/2020.

These types of Shutdowns form a part of your Enterprise Agreement however, clause 58 requires the company to provide at least 28 days’ notice of the necessity for employees to take leave, move RDO’s or elect for leave without pay due to a shut down.

As we have commenced a dispute with the company, we are advising members not to apply for leave or to swap RDO’s for this period until further notice.

Some Traincrew have received letters with a direction to take leave between 5-10 September. As long as you received the direction in writing with 28 days or more notice then the direction is valid under cl. 57 of your agreement.

We will keep members updated as the dispute on foot continues.

For more information, please contact your local rep or your state office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKitrick,  
State Secretary