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ONRSR In Cab Surveillance

Dear members,

In a complete blindside to the AFULE, the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) this week released an update spruiking that Transport Ministers had endorsed the ONRSR proposed policy to mandate in-cab audio and video recordings.

The AFULE has in no way endorsed this disgraceful, anti-worker proposal.

We last met with ONRSR on the 26/11/21 for a consultation meeting whereby we again made a clear point that we do not accept the proposal and that additional meetings were required to ensure that any policy was not pushed through in the middle of the night.

I can only assume that ONRSR believed that as the AFULE was only in QLD, we would roll over and be quiet, not the case!

I spoke to the national regulator last night and again today to vocalise our anger over this decision. A meeting has been booked for Thursday 10 March 2022 that the AFULE will be attending at ONRSR's Brisbane office.

Although ONRSR have made the announcement, we see this matter as far from finished and will continue to fight to overturn or vastly limit any technology introduced. The policy has been agreed to by ONRSR and politicians, the legislation however is still to be finalised and we will be sure to be heavily involved in this process.

I have been told time and again by ONRSR that this technology will not be admissible for disciplinary purposes. If we cannot overturn the implementation, we MUST ensure the legislation prevents operators spying on workers.

There will be much more to come on this topic, I will be sure to keep you informed.

If you have any questions, please contact your state office on 3844 9163, email statesecretary@afule.org.au or contact your local AFULE representative.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKittrick,
State Secretary

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