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Dear Traincrew

OPEN LETTER TO CEO JIM BENSTEAD

I have written an open letter today to QRail CEO, Jim Benstead, in relation to a reported statement by transport minister, Scott Emerson that QRail executives proposed to cut the jobs of train guards after being told to make savings.

I am attaching that letter to this notice.

The report in relation to the proposal appeared in the Courier Mail Today:

PUBLIC servants plan to step up their industrial action against the Newman Government after it was revealed 2000 jobs would be slashed from Queensland Rail.

.....Transport Minister Scott Emerson yesterday revealed Queensland Rail executives initially suggested the State Government look at getting rid of train guards.

As reported yesterday, the Government is now targeting the "bloated executive" of Queensland Rail along with hundreds of positions not related to service delivery.

While Mr Emerson would not rule anything out in relation to the jobs of train guards, he said executive managers were told to look "a bit closer to home".

If you have any further enquiries you can contact your State Office on **3257 1151**.

Yours fraternally

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Dear Jim

It has been reported in the media that Transport Minister Scott Emerson revealed Queensland Rail executives have suggested that the State Government look at getting rid of Train Guards to save their own jobs.

Train Guards are frontline employees who provide a valuable role in train operations. Amongst other duties, Train Guards are very much involved in the welfare and safety of Queensland Rail's customers and provide frontline customer service.

The AFULE is appalled that senior Queensland Rail executives would offer up Train Guards' jobs or any other frontline jobs purely to save their own pay packets.

As you would be aware, through Queensland Rail's internal surveys, morale and trust in Queensland Rail management amongst train services employees is at a nadir. This latest revelation from the Transport Minister only goes to reinforce the 'them and us' mentality in Queensland Rail's executives.

The AFULE argues that Train Guards provide a valuable service in train operations and seeks a response if there are any moves on foot to remove Train Guards from any services.

Please note this is an open letter, a copy of which I have circulated throughout the AFULE membership.

Yours sincerely

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