

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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## Aurizon Bulk OT Protected Industrial Action

Dear Members

The AFULE notified Aurizon of protected industrial action last week that members **Aurizon Bulk** wide (Former Freight and AER) will be taking Protected Industrial Action in the form of an overtime ban.

**From 0001 on Wednesday 15 May a Bulk wide 14 day overtime ban commences.** The company has been notified that union members will not be working additional shifts over this period. The company will attempt to encourage you to work overtime during this period, respectfully decline any approach. **The overtime ban will finish 2359 Tuesday 28 May 2019.**

It does not matter if you are recorded as a YES worker the ban still applies, and **you do not have to change to a NO worker to participate in the ban. If you are rostered or approached to work overtime, please respectfully decline.**

Per our previous Bulk circulars (check our website if you have missed them) Aurizon Bulk seem intent on further reducing your conditions at work. It unfortunately seems that Protected Industrial Action is the only road to securing and improving our conditions. PIA is not our preferred route to obtaining a fair deal for our Bulk members, but it is necessary to further our claims and stand united and committed to our goal of improving our work lives.

**Now is the time to pull together and press our claims to better wages, conditions and fair treatment in the workplace! Be union Proud!**

We are meeting with the company this week with your AFULE workplace representatives being reduced from four across the state to one workplace rep and one state official as a result of Aurizon's decision to reduce bargaining members. We see this as a negative move by the company but will use our time this week to the best of our ability to obtain a resolution.

I have spoken to many Bulk members over the last weeks and months, you have been resolute and your directions to your state office clear. Your conditions at work matter and you are ready to fight for them!

I will be sure to update you all on this week's bargaining progress as news comes to hand.

Please contact your state office on 3844 9163 or [statesecretary@afule.org.au](mailto:statesecretary@afule.org.au) if you would like further information.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKittrick  
State Secretary

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