

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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Aurizon Bulk Bargaining Update

Dear Traincrew,

Monday and Tuesday of this week AFULE bargaining representatives met with Aurizon to continue negotiations for your new Enterprise Agreement.

Although a lot of time was spent re-hashing previous discussions on claims for the new EA, by the end of yesterdays session some ground had been made in regards to your roster code of practise. Although this segment of the agreement has *not* been finalised, we and the company are now only apart on a small number of issues which we believe should be able to be resolved next week.

Although it seems that some ground was made in regards to rostering, Aurizon have maintained their position to not move away from items such as;

- Not inserting set shift lengths for Traincrew into the EA i.e. 9hr DOO, 12hr TDO
- Maintaining their position to send employees on up to 160 hours of annual leave per year for planned shutdowns
- Implementing multi sign on points (travel to train)
- A percentage of layover hours going to make up your cycle time

Discussions were had on all of these issues and we are awaiting further feedback from the company.

We are meeting again next Tuesday and Wednesday in Townsville to continue bargaining. It is the AFULE's position to once again attend bargaining in good faith and progress our members claims at the table. After this round of bargaining is complete, we will re-assess our position and our next steps forward.

It must also be noted that the company have hinted at taking an EA for a vote of Bulk employees at the end of this month. Unless significant steps are taken by the company in upcoming meetings, we will not be in any position to support such a document whilst the current stance on reducing your conditions remain.

I will keep you all updated as information on your Bulk Enterprise Agreement comes to hand

Please contact your local rep or state office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au if you would like further information.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKitrick
State Secretary

Traincrew representing Traincrew