

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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Aurizon Bulk (East Coast) Protected Action Ballot Outcome

Dear members,

Today we officially received the results of our Protected Action Ballot whereby you were asked to vote on the potential to take Protected Industrial Action.

The results were overwhelming;

- 89% of the ballots sent were returned.
- Individual questions relating to action received up to a 95% YES vote.

This now shows Aurizon that the AFULE is in for the fight and prepared to take action if necessary to progress bargaining in all of Bulk. Members in AER have already used their legally obtained right to act and as a result have maintained their right to re-engage where necessary.

Protected Industrial Action is a difficult but powerful tool to achieve under the current Fair Work Act. The AFULE does not enter into Protected Industrial Action lightly and it will only be used where required to further our objectives.

Your bargaining representatives are meeting in Townsville this Monday and Tuesday to continue discussions with the company to achieve an outcome that you deserve.

I endeavour to bring you an update of how bargaining progresses.

Please contact your state office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au for further information.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKittrick
State Secretary

Traincrew representing Traincrew