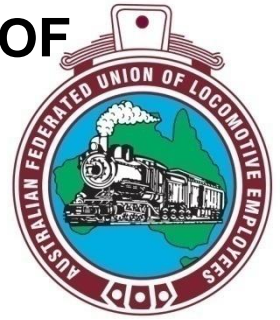


AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



Circular: 11/18

Ref: Extreme Heat

19/02/2018

Working in Extreme Heat

Dear Traincrew,

Late last week it was brought to our attention that crews had been instructed to continue operating services without an air conditioner during the recent heat wave.

Upon learning this, your state office contacted senior Aurizon management seeking an explanation as to why operational staff were denying requests from drivers to stow a service where they (rightly) believed that continuing to operate the service during extreme heat could lead to serious illness.

Overall, the response from Aurizon so far has been encouraging as senior management seem to be taking this issue as seriously as the AFULE and an investigation into recent events has commenced.

If you find yourself in a position that there are extreme temperatures and the a/c in non- operational, report the fault to the RDC and your ROL. Re-marshalling is to happen immediately if the outside temperature allows, otherwise crews need to seek authority from control for the nearest/safest location to stow the consist and be relieved.

Queensland is expecting another week of extremely hot conditions and heat exhaustion can be fatal, please be safe.

If you have any questions, please contact our office on 07 3844 9163, email statesecretary@afule.org.au or find us on Facebook.

Yours fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Smith
State Secretary

Traincrew representing Traincrew