

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Aurizon Bulk Dispute Update

Dear members,

In recent weeks we have had a number of live disputes with Aurizon Bulk.

The AFULE went into dispute in relation to the lack of consultation from the company before the decision to freeze the live SharePoint app.

Through the dispute process we have successfully had the company agree to reinstating the SharePoint app to its original live updated status (If not completed already, this will be complete in the coming days).

Members need to be aware that the SharePoint app is **not** notification of an altered working and cannot be used for the purposes of claiming altered shift penalties. Claiming of shift alteration penalties will occur as normal when directly contacted by the company of a change, or at your wake up call notification.

Your EA does not support a "live" roster for the purposes of claiming roster alterations. The SharePoint app can only be used as a guide to assist with Traincrews work/ life balance and fatigue.

Secondly, I met with senior Bulk operations and roster management last week to commence dissecting current master rosters as a part of the current AFULE rostering disputes and an undertaking given to the Fair Work Commission that we would work together for the purposes of finding a resolution.

These discussions have been meaningful and I commend the Bulk business for their active participation in working with the AFULE to concentrate on creating different rostering techniques which allow for more known workings to be shown in master rosters whilst still affording Aurizon availability to cover leave etc.

I am meeting with Aurizon management and rostering again tomorrow afternoon to continue working through rosters.

I will be sure to give you a further update as these meetings conclude.

On a final note, Aurizon Bulk East GM Sarah Dixon, once again reiterated that when Traincrews workings that are entered into the kiosk are altered by the company, the person making the alteration **MUST** either speak directly to the employee or send an email outlining why the alteration has taken place. If you have had your kiosk workings altered and you have not been notified of the change, please contact your state office immediately with the details.

Please contact your local AFULE rep, Divisional Councillor or State Office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au if you would like further information.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKitrick,
State Secretary

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