

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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## Rail Regulator Update

Dear members,

Yesterday I published a circular outlining that the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) was preparing to deliver guidance materials that would greatly water down the definition of a qualified driver in Two Driver Operations for Queensland Freight and Coal drivers. This circular can be [found here](#).

Today I can report that following discussions with government officials, ONRSR representatives and executives of rail operators, the new guidelines will not be released by ONRSR. Power has now been shifted to the unions to negotiate with rail operators on short term options available to assist the resource sector during COVID 19, whilst maintaining your safety and not introducing definitions that will forever change the meaning of a qualified driver in Queensland.

The concerns and anger voiced by AFULE members and officials were heard loud and clear.

We will now commence discussions directly with operators as to what can be done to help both industry and employees during this pandemic. We will continue to be in regular contact with your nominated representatives as we negotiate any temporary changes.

If you have any issues or concerns you would like to raise with AFULE please email these to [statesecretary@afule.org.au](mailto:statesecretary@afule.org.au) or call your State Office on 3844 9163.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKittrick, State Secretary