

# Combined Rail Unions'

## In Cab Audio and Video Surveillance Update

Dear members,

Late last week the AFULE and the RTBU met with ONRSR, the national rail safety regulator.

They sought a meeting to again discuss the issue of the installation and use of in cab cameras.

We've been through this discussion a few times, and as this is a national issue, this meeting was an opportunity to talk about our joint view within Qld.

Both unions are strong in the view that if in cab cameras were only available to the regulator and safety watchdogs like the ATSB, coroner and police in specific circumstances an acceptable outcome may be negotiated.

The proposal put by ONSR however makes it far too easy for railway companies to access footage and use it for whatever reason they deem fit.

In Queensland we have a range of agreements which stipulate cameras will not be fitted and won't be used. This proposal would significantly weaken that arrangement and puts absolutely no constraints on companies.

We said clearly and without hesitation that we could not support the proposal.

We believe that it's important to keep this discussion on foot to avoid getting fitted up with federal legislation we can't accept.

We continue to call on the Queensland Transport Minister, Mark Bailey to stand with us on this. While he isn't the one proposing the laws, he can stop them coming into place for a time. His support so far has been extremely helpful in our fight to get some sense to prevail on this issue.

We will keep members updated on this important issue.

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