

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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## Queensland Rail COVID Vaccination Update

Dear members,

Last week I informed you that QR had asked your Workplace Health and Safety Representatives to provide feedback on a proposal to introduce mandatory COVID vaccinations.

Yesterday I and all rail unions met with Queensland Rail to discuss what exactly they were proposing.

We were informed that there is no current mandate for QR employees however, the company is awaiting information from the government via a health directive. It is their understanding that staff including Traincrew *may not* be affected however the company were commencing initial conversations in the event that a health directive is received or in the event that there is a large escalation of risk to employees post December 17.

Concerns regarding the initial consultation procedure have also been raised and we are awaiting a response from the company regarding these issues.

QR have confirmed that another meeting will be convened with your state office if and when any government health directive is received.

For now, we await what may be contained within any government health directive that may arrive.

The AFULE takes the position of the medical experts and supports COVID 19 vaccinations however, we also embrace the individual rights of our members to not take the job if so inclined.

I will be sure to provide you with updates as they come to hand.

If you have any questions, please contact your state office on 3844 9163, email [statesecretary@afule.org.au](mailto:statesecretary@afule.org.au) or contact your local AFULE representative.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKittrick,  
State Secretary

**Traincrew representing Traincrew**