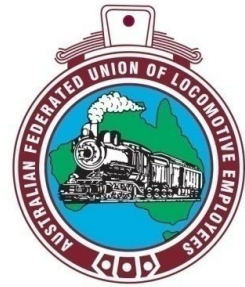


AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Aurizon Bulk – Negotiation Update

Dear Members,

This week EA bargaining continued for Aurizon Bulk Traincrew and Transport Operators.

Progress has been made on a range of issues in both schedules.

For Traincrew, there has been “without prejudice” movement on items such as how master rosters are developed to ensure local committees have a genuine opportunity to develop quality master rosters as well as improved consultation and hanging guidelines to ensure depot Traincrew have a genuine say into proposed new master rosters, reduced AFD window timeframes for AZJ ops, DOO payments when undertaking route tuition in AER and a bolstered In Cab audio video surveillance clause.

A large portion of the Traincrew session revolved around rostering, as you would expect. We have provided the business some thoughts on how to improve their depot route training, in return for some increased rostering provisions for Traincrew. Aurizon have taken our thoughts away to consider before the next round of bargaining.

Transport Operators/ Operational Maintainers bargaining also took place this week. Again, some progress has been made whereby Aurizon have made “without prejudice” offers relating to a beefed-up transition to Traincrew clause, an increase in lift up/ lay back penalty payments, a locked in RDO pattern with a designated shoulder coming into or off RDO's and the creation of the OM classification job description for AER.

Your workplace bargaining teams are reconvening in Townsville on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of November to continue negotiations with the company. I will be sure to provide an update post these meeting dates.

If you have any questions or you would like more details on the above, please contact your state office on 3844 9163, email traincrew@afule.org.au or contact your local AFULE representative.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKitrick,
State Secretary

Traincrew representing Traincrew