

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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## Aurizon Two Person Crew Update

Dear members,

There have been ongoing discussions between the AFULE, the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) and Aurizon for a number of weeks in relation to the shift length of a Two Person Crew configuration to assist during the COVID 19 pandemic.

During these discussions, many different scenarios were brought up including Aurizon potentially hiring temporary non Traincrew employees to be fast track trained as a DA. Several different shift length scenarios ranging from Two Person Crew 12 hour shifts, 9 hours throttle time (excluding car travel etc.), 11 hour shifts and 10 hour shifts with an emergency 30 minute car travel.

I can confirm today that following feedback from the AFULE, Aurizon management have come to the conclusion that there will be no change to the current shift length of a Two Person Crew (10 hours, sign on to sign off) for the QLD Aurizon Bulk and Coal business.

I was also notified that there is no current plan to hire temporary non Traincrew external employees to be trained as DA's. This will only be looked at in the future if COVID 19 takes a downward spiral and the AFULE will be re-engaged if this step is necessary.

Thankyou to the AFULE officials and delegates that were involved in providing guidance and ultimately coming to a resolution that has no negative impact on the current shift lengths of our members.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mick McKitrick', written over a horizontal line.

Mick McKitrick,  
State Secretary

**Traincrew representing Traincrew**