

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Fisherman Island Closure Update

Dear members,

As you are aware, in mid-September Aurizon commenced consultation on their plan to formally close the Fisherman Island depot. The AFULE then, as it does now, does not support the closure of the depot.

Following the consultation announcement, your AFULE state officials spoke to many Traincrew within the Fisherman Island depot to ensure that there were contingencies in place to ensure that any driver that wanted to remain in the business had a position to go to.

Yesterday the company released correspondence stating that the depot will formally close on December 29 2021. That document can be found [here](#).

I can confirm that I have received correspondence from Andrew Hack informing me that there will be no forced redundancies and those who wished to remain employed within Aurizon have found positions that suit.

If this is not the case in your circumstance, please contact your state office ASAP to discuss.

The reduction or removal of Tuckerbox workings for Toowoomba depot is a silver lining for many Toowoomba Traincrew however, there are still many questions on the new proposed operating model, without the assistance of the Fish depot.

This will be an evolving beast over the short to medium term. The AFULE will remain across the issues and assist at each turn.

It really is sad knowing that once such a strong and thriving depot such as Fisherman Island is closing. If you see a workmate struggling, please put out a hand of support.

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

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