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Coppabella Housing Update

Dear members,

In response to feedback from members at our recent AFULE Coppabella meeting and through phone conversations with Coppabella members, late last week I requested a meeting with Coal North GM – Paul Hemburrow and Coppabella ROM – Josh Butler.

On Monday this week, that meeting took place.

The issues raised include;

- That lack of communications from the company regarding the housing issues
- The current status of the Coppabella quarters, including the number of Traincrew being housed there at any one time
- When will vacant houses be available for Traincrew
- Confusion stemming from the Attraction and Retention Guideline

It seems that there is a bit of finger pointing when it comes to who in fact is in charge of the future of the Coppabella housing. The AFULE is seeking urgent answers to our questions to enable our Coppabella members some clarity over their long term futures in the region.

Paul has agreed to a follow up meeting to address the concerns that have been raised by the AFULE. I am also currently attempting to find a suitable time to meet with QRI officials involved to gather further information from that side of the fence.

I will keep you updated as further information comes to hand.

Please contact your local AFULE rep, Divisional Councillor or State Office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au if you would like further information or if you are currently having housing issues within the Coppabella depot.

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