

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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## **Aurizon Freight Forces Menstruating Women to Beg Not to be Rostered on Trains Without Toilets or Sanitary Facilities**

Dear Members,

Aurizon Bulk managers are going to make menstruating women or women with other health issues that require them to be near toilet facilities beg to be taken off rostered trains without toilets. For years this company has humiliated and demeaned not just women but EVERYONE who works a train without toilet and sanitary facilities.

Aurizon management will not allow women to make a standing request to be excused from work trains when they are menstruating or if they have health issues. Aurizon is either going to force workers and women who can't work trains without toilet and sanitary facilities to take personal leave or to make them make up the time missed at a time that suits the company and if they can't make the time up they won't have the request granted.

If you have any photos of the disgusting state of trackside toilets including the need to wade through snake infested overgrowth or other safety risks around them please email them to your state office.

If you have a story of being humiliated when requesting to be excused from working a train without facilities or the situations you've been placed in because of lack of facilities, we are also very keen to hear about it.

You can send any information to [statesecretary@afule.org.au](mailto:statesecretary@afule.org.au) or call Mel to discuss on **3844 9163**.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKittrick  
State Secretary

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