

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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Bulk Enterprise Agreement Approved

Dear Members,

Last Friday we received notification that Commissioner Spencer of the Fair Work Commission had ratified your new Bulk Enterprise Agreement. A copy of your new EA can be [found here](#)

The speediness of the approval has caught most off guard. Recently the Aurizon QLD Coal EA took just over 3 months for approval from the Commission. The Bulk EA was lodged during Christmas week meaning it was approved in only 3 weeks.

This is a great result and we thank the Commission for the quick turn-around of your EA which allows for wage increases and rostering reforms to commence earlier than originally predicted. Per the Fair Work Act, new Enterprise Agreements commence 7 days after approval (Friday 24 January 2020).

I am meeting with Aurizon senior management early this week to discuss the transition to your new conditions. A focus for the AFULE will be to have roster committees called as a matter of urgency. Many of the rostering reforms commence at the master roster stage.

I will update members once this meeting is finalised and update you all on what steps the company has committed to ensuring we smoothly transition to the new terms of your agreement.

Please contact your local rep or state office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au for more information.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKittrick

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