

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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Bulk Roster Dispute Update

Dear members,

Yesterday members of your state office participated in a telephone conciliation conference with Commissioner Spencer of the Fair Work Commission and Aurizon management in relation to the ongoing rostering disputes within Bulk.

The AFULE provided the Commission and Aurizon a master roster that allowed for 70% of known workings, the removal of blank days and the introduction of time zoned available shifts. This developed roster was an adaptation of a currently worked Bulk depot master roster and was aimed to demonstrate that the provisions of the 2019 Enterprise Agreement can and should be implemented to create a viable roster for both Traincrew and Aurizon.

Pleasingly, as a result, the company and members of the AFULE have agreed to meet next Monday and Thursday to analyse current rosters and to allow the AFULE to work with the Aurizon rostering team to develop example rosters consistent with the terms of the 2019 EA as agreed to by the members of our union.

At this stage the disputes have not been resolved, however, the agreement to meet next week to develop prototype master rosters is a positive step in the right direction to ensuring Traincrew have master rosters that enable a more fulfilling work/life balance.

We will continue to fight for the conditions our members voted for in 2019 and I will provide an update next week as to how these meetings transpire.

Please contact your local rep or your state office for further information.

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