



## TO ALL MEMBERS RAIL

Dear Member,

9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2017, the ETUQ and AFULEQ attended a hearing at the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) in front of Vice President Linnane. There were three applications before her honour:

1. An application for an amalgamation ballot for a proposed amalgamation;
2. An application for exemption from ballot in a proposed amalgamation (ETUQ Only);
3. And an application for the declaration of a community of interest.

All three applications were subsequently approved by the Vice President on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017. **It is important to note that there were no objections lodged by any other Unions.**

ETUQ members, by virtue of the Vice President's decision, will not be required to vote on the amalgamation. Members of the AFULEQ will however be required to vote. The timetable for voting is as follows:

1. Notice of election forwarded to AFULEQ members on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017;
2. Opening of the Ballot on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017;
3. Closing of the Ballot on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**All AFULEQ members are urged to vote and vote YES to ensure that both Unions can continue to work together as one voice in the Rail industry, while maintaining our individual identities.**

No doubt others will try to interfere in this process. We ask that you stick with the people that have had your backs and will continue to do so. Please ensure **every AFULEQ member** fills out their ballot and returns it as per the instructions in the voting pack you will receive.

Yours Fraternaly,

Peter Ong

Greg Smith

Acting Secretary ETUQ

Secretary AFULEQ