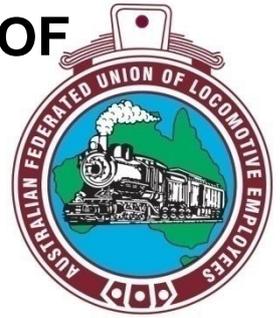


AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



Circular: 25/17

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AFULEQUE / ETUQ Amalgamation Accepted by the Membership

Dear members,

The ballot for the proposed amalgamation between the AFULEQUE and the ETUQ was counted by the ECQ on Tuesday 14 March 2017.

I have always stated that the AFULEQUE membership would have the final decision on the amalgamation by way of a vote and the membership have voted to accept the proposal.

I went down to the Electoral Commission and scrutineered the count of the votes returned. The result was 70% of the votes returned were in favour of the amalgamation.

What does the amalgamation mean to you?

It means that you are still a member of the Federal Union of Employees - the AFULE – and nothing changes as far as your day to day representation by the union or who represents you. Your union dues are still paid to the AFULE and you are still represented by the AFULE.

When the amalgamation of the State union is ratified in the QIRC you will also be a member of the AFULE division of the ETUQ. Just some of the added advantages the amalgamation brings to you is that AFULE delegates and members will have access to ETU offices especially in Regional areas. The AFULE logo will also be visible on ETU offices. This will give the AFULE a larger footprint in regional areas. Currently ETU members are eligible for a discount through R&T Health Fund. AFULE members will be able to access the discount.

I respect the rights of those members who returned a vote whether it be a yes vote or a no vote for the amalgamation and now it's an exciting time to build a strong future to combat this federal conservative Government and future anti-worker Governments as well as protect the rights and conditions of Traincrew throughout Queensland.

If you require any further information, please contact 3257 1151 or statesecretary@afule.org.au

Yours fraternally

Greg Smith
State Secretary

Traincrew representing Traincrew