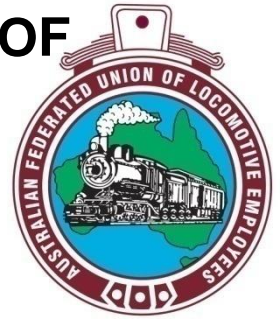


AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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AFULE / ETU Campaign into Black Lung Disease

Dear members,

The AFULE and ETU are conjointly embarking on a campaign study to determine if there maybe any adverse effects on rail workers being exposed to coal dust.

A parliamentary inquiry into coal worker's pneumoconiosis is currently being conducted where Dr. Robert Cohen predicted hundreds or thousands of Queensland's coal miners may unknowingly have the disease.

The AFULE has concerns of the level of exposure of coal dust train drivers are subjected to and equally the ETU have concerns of the level of exposure of rail workers who work on locomotives and on overhead lines etc. are subjected to.

The AFULE and the ETU have already collected some data and are now sharing that data to formulate a strategy for the campaign.

This initiative shows the value of two Unions sharing resources for the betterment of members. If you require any further information, please contact 3257 1151 or statesecretary@afule.org.au

Yours fraternally

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