

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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WATCO EA Bargaining Commences

Dear members,

This week your AFULE bargaining representatives met with WATCO management representatives to commence bargaining your 2023 Enterprise Agreement.

The AFULE and RTBU provided the company with our log of claims that has been collated from your feedback. We then took the time to explain the detail of each of these log claims.

Your bargaining representatives highlighted the importance of a real wage rise in line with cost of living pressures and for the company to retain drivers in a competitive market.

Among other claims included are

- a review on barracks accommodation standards
- a no in-cab surveillance clause
- some rules around rostering prior to a medical
- an increase in the superannuation rate above the super guarantee
- review of the stand down clause
- and amendment to casual minimum shift lengths and cancellations.

WATCO representatives leave today with work to do in considerations of your claims and numbers to crunch.

Because of the Christmas period and representative availability, bargaining will recommence in early January 2023. We will be sure to provide updates post the next meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact your state office on 3844 9163, email traincrew@afule.org.au or contact your local AFULE representative.

In Solidarity,

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