

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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## Pacific National Crew Van Update

Dear Members,

Yesterday I travelled to Mackay to meet with Mark Flanagan of PN and Bruce Mackie of the RTBU to discuss PN's proposed introduction of crew vans in the Blackwater system.

We were informed that PN believes that the crew van trial was a success however, no new crew vans are currently on order and no firm decision has been made by the QLD business on the introduction of crew vans in the Blackwater system.

The company is however undertaking a feasibility test whilst also developing a business case and safety case for potential introduction, this is expected to be completed by on of this calendar year. If the business then wishes to proceed with crew vans, a full consultation process will be undertaken by the company with their workforce and union representatives.

The AFULE has informed PN that we do not believe that crew van workings are a part of the PN Coal EA and is a major workplace change for Gracemere traincrew. The feedback we have received from members in Gracemere has been overwhelming negative to the introduction of permanent crew vans.

We will be awaiting and watching what transpires as a result of the business case/ feasibility test and retain our right to take all industrial options available to us to ensure that the our members that do not want to be held captive in crew vans are not.

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In Solidarity,

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State Secretary

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