

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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AFULE Pacific National Dispute Update

Dear members,

Over the last several months the AFULE have been in dispute with Pacific National Intermodal in relation to members rostered workings being altered in excess of the lift up and lay back provisions of the Enterprise Agreement. We believe that the wording of the PN Intermodal Agreement is clear and that once the 10 day working roster is posted, the company only have the mandated lift up/lay back provisions at their disposal to alter driers shifts, unless otherwise agreed by the affected member of Traincrew.

The AFULE have moved through the steps of the Dispute Resolution clauses held within the agreement and are at the final step before requesting the assistance of the Fair Work Commission to assist with our dispute on foot.

Pacific National management have now written to the AFULE with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in an attempt to resolve our dispute. We understand that the company have also provided the MOU to the RTBU before reaching any resolution in principle with the AFULE.

The AFULE is currently in consultation with our depot reps and our affected member to the dispute before making a decision on whether to be agreeable to the offer made by the company. We will also enter into consultation with all AFULE members before committing to any MOU with the company.

If it becomes apparent that we are not agreeable to the terms offered, and the company are not willing to make any alterations to proposed changes suggested by the AFULE, we will continue to progress our dispute to the Fair Work Commission for assistance.

I will keep you updated as this dispute progresses.

Please contact your local AFULE rep, Divisional Councillor or State Office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au if you would like further information.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKittrick,
State Secretary

Traincrew representing Traincrew