

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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## COVID - 19 Update – Citytrain

Dear members,

The AFULE has been and will continue to be in regular contact with QR management as we all work together through this health emergency. In efforts to keep you all informed with communications as close to real time the AFULE have been posting regular updates to our Facebook page. If you are not already following the page, I encourage you to do so.

QR yesterday released your No. 5 Divisional Councillor Anthony Woodward, so that he can work closely with Mel, AFULE Industrial Officer and QR management to make sure everyone is safe and liaise any of our members issues with the company. Please let Anthony or Mel know of any issues you would like raised to ensure your voice is heard.

The main issue that appears to be raised to the union is travelling spare on NGR locomotives and travelling by taxi. Suggestions from you which your union are advocating for include travelling spare on non passenger trains. Taking NGR's out of service, which is possible if a Sunday timetable is implemented, and on T car services travelling spare in an empty cab. Whilst NGR's are still on the tracks, travelling spare in a cab (with Driver or Guard) as there is sufficient space to be complying with social distancing. We are also advocating in lieu of using taxi cab services only using dedicated QR cars.

Discussions have also been had requesting that QR place signage of maximum people permitted in lunch rooms at one time (maximum capacity that you can comply with social distancing). In these spaces it is your responsibility to ensure you are adhering to the social distancing guidelines and practising regular handwashing with soapy water.

Cleaning to ensure your health and safety is maintained has also been continually prioritised in discussions. QR have cleaning supplies readily available at the Bowen Hills depot, for cleaning down cabs at change over. There has been concerns about cleaning the cab resulting in delays to the run time. AFULE have been reassured by Brett Garrigan that there will not be any consequences if you don't stick to your run time due to reasonable time used cleaning cabs or washing hands.

QR have published their FAQs on their Hub – a link to the hub can be [found here](#). Mel has also emailed this to your local depot reps.

The AFULE would like to commend you on how you are all conducting yourselves during this difficult time. Just to reiterate AFULE are posting regular updates to our Facebook page, the page is a public page as such members who are not Facebook users are still able to access the information through a web browser. To be directed to our page [please click here](#).

If you have any issues or concerns you would like to raise with AFULE please email these in to [statesecretary@afule.org.au](mailto:statesecretary@afule.org.au) or call your State Office on 3844 9163 or Divisional Councillor Anthony Woodward on 0408 562 494.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKitrick, State Secretary

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