AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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NGR Seating Update

Dear Traincrew,

For more than 18 months there have been incident reports completed by Traincrew and injuries incurred as a result of the NGR seating.

The Mayne WHS Committee late last year issued Queensland Rail a Workplace Health and Safety Provisional Improvement Notice (PIN) whereby QR were required to provide a detailed plan for the removal and replacement of the NGR in cab seating.

Late last week this issue came to a head when a Workplace Health and Safety dispute was lodged with the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission after Queensland Rail failed to produce a plan for the replacement of the seating. After many phone calls last Friday and an emergency meeting held this morning, the AFULE has now been provided a written undertaking from the Department of Transport and Main Roads outlining the commitment to a roll out of replaced seating of all NGR units commencing February 2021.

The AFULE will continue to monitor this process closely and will update members as additional information comes to hand.

If you have any questions or are seeking clarification on the above, please contact your local AFULE representative or your state office on 3844 9163 or via statesecretary@afule.org.au.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKitrick, State Secretary