

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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## Aurizon Protected Industrial Action Notification

Dear Traincrew,

The AFULE have notified Aurizon that more industrial action is planned for our members in the Northern and Southern coal fields in the form of 24 hour stop work strikes next week.

As usual, taking Protected Industrial Action (PIA) is not our preferred option. We have been willing and able to bargain in good faith with the company however, Aurizon continues to cancel Coal stream bargaining, the latest which was commence this week.

The AFULE believes that the only way a deal can be achieved is if the company commits to sitting down with your EA negotiators and getting serious in regards to addressing a number of our claims. The continual cancelling of meetings is drawing this process out similar to what occurred during the 2015 bargaining proceedings. This has led us with little choice but to continue with our industrial campaign.

**The staggered stoppages commence with Pring at 1200hrs (noon) on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 ending at 1200hrs (noon) on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**Coppabella and Jilalan commencing at 1200hrs (noon) on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 ending at 1200hrs (noon) Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**Callemondah, Stanwell and Bluff commencing at 1000hrs on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 ending at 1000hrs Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

Today I notified the company that the AFULE may be in a position to de-escalate the Industrial campaign if some significant progress was made this week in relation to key areas of Traincrew rostering, shift extensions and annual leave deductions.

These are key items in the coal stream, not an exhaustive list. We have offered to meet with the company this Wednesday and Thursday in an attempt to find suitable outcomes in these areas for all Traincrew. I will update you all on how these meetings proceed.

We don't take this industrial action lightly and we urge all members to participate collectively in the action so we can further your claims in the ongoing negotiations of your agreement. Members from the RTBU are also taking part in these actions.

More correspondence on this industrial action will be forthcoming and I encourage you to speak to your local depot representative, Divisional Councillor of State office for more information.

Please contact your state office on 3844 9163 or [statesecretary@afule.org.au](mailto:statesecretary@afule.org.au) if you would like further information.

In Solidarity,

Michael McKitrick  
State Secretary

**Traincrew representing Traincrew**