

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Aurizon COVID Vaccination Update

Dear members,

Yesterday Aurizon released a "News Update" indicating that mandatory vaccination may be required by some employees.

Today I had a meeting with senior Aurizon management where I queried their position and who indeed will be mandated to have a vaccination.

In short, no QLD employees have been identified as those to be mandated and I have been informed that Aurizon does not plan on mandating any of their employees unless the hand of government forces them.

Yesterdays "News Update" was more so directed at Aurizon Western Australia, where the state government has mandated the vaccination for some employees.

The AFULE takes the position of the medical experts and supports COVID 19 vaccinations however, we also embrace the individual rights of our members to not take the job if so inclined.

We as a union will advocate for the choice of our members to decide to receive a COVID 19 vaccination, or not, as this is a personal choice.

We do not support mandating personal health choices; we believe this is a matter for individuals and their doctor.

If you have any questions, please contact your state office on 3844 9163, email statesecretary@afule.org.au or contact your local AFULE representative.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick McKittrick", is written over a solid black horizontal line.

Mick McKittrick,
State Secretary

Traincrew representing Traincrew