

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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Bluff Consultation Update & Dispute Notification

Dear members,

Last week I wrote to Bluff ROM, Brad Peckett with a number of initial questions as a result of the Blackwater consultation document. The response to the questions can be found [here](#).

Yesterday, I again wrote to Brad seeking more information to the responses he delivered and additional questions that have been raised through this process. Last night, Coal South GM, Anna Parfitt replied, those responses can be found [here](#).

The AFULE has been seeking relevant information that the company must supply to ensure that employees can make an informed decision. The company has not been forthcoming with all relevant information we have requested. Additionally, Ms Parfitt could not give full replies to some of our questions yesterday due to the fact that new rosters had not been developed. This admission demonstrates that employees have not been given all relevant rostering information to make an informed decision on the potential multi sign on location. As a result, the AFULE last night notified Aurizon that we were in dispute regarding the failure to properly consult.

The AFULE is neither for nor against the proposed Blackwater multi sign on location. What we are seeking to ensure is that the company is transparent and provides all information to their workforce so that Traincrew can make educated decision on their future workings.

Tomorrow morning (Friday) I have a meeting with Anna and Brad to discuss to the Blackwater consultation. As the consultation pack states that an EOI may only be withdrawn in writing before 24 April 2021, we have informed the company through our dispute notice that the consultation process cannot be finalised nor the EOI process closed until such time our dispute is resolved.

I will be sure to give members an update tomorrow at the conclusion of this meeting and provide more clarity on closure dates.

In Solidarity,

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

Mick McKittrick,
State Secretary

Traincrew representing Traincrew