

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Government Cattle Provider Announcement

Dear members,

Today the QLD Government made their long awaited and overdue decision on the future South West/ Central West cattle service provider. Government has decided to award Watco the contact from 2022-2028. You can find the government media release [here](#).

Today I had a meeting with Aurizon Bulk GM – David Wright. David informed me that as a result of the announcement, the Bulk business is currently working through South West depot numbers, however no depots will be closed. The business is very keen to retain Traincrew within the QLD business and are actively working through a number of incentive programs for Traincrew.

The AFULE will be assisting all effected AFULE members to secure their futures. Opportunities may include remaining in your current position/ location, voluntary redundancies, opportunities at other Aurizon Bulk depots and redundancy swaps before any non-voluntary redundancies are explored.

This will be a stressful period for many of our members. Rest assured that your union will be working with you to ensure the best outcome for you and your family.

There has been no government decision made regarding the North West cattle contract at this stage but is due this calendar year.

There are meetings planned for next week. I will be sure to provide you with additional information as it comes to hand.

If you would like more information, please contact your local AFULE representative or your state office on 3844 9163 or statesecretary@afule.org.au

In Solidarity,

Mick McKitrick,
State Secretary

Traincrew representing Traincrew