

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES



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Westwood Collision

Dear members,

Yesterday we lost a member and a friend involved in the collision at Westwood, west of Rockhampton.

Two additional QR Regional AFULE members are currently receiving treatment at the Rockhampton hospital. Prospects are for a full recovery in time.

Further, we remain in contact with our Aurizon members that were involved and have offered our ongoing support.

Every worker should, no, MUST, come home from work safe. I and many within our industry felt sick in the stomach after hearing of yesterday's events.

ATSB and WHS investigators remain on site, and your State Office remains in regular contact with both Queensland Rail and Aurizon as we eagerly await the cause of this terrible accident.

Our thoughts are with the families, workmates and comrades of those involved.

I urge members that need someone to talk to, to do so. Your AFULE reps are available and are there for you. In the event we can't assist your personal needs, we can assist in pointing you in the right direction to receive the personal support you require.

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

In Solidarity,

Mick McKitrick,
State Secretary

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