

# AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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Dear members,

As you are probably aware, the Courier Mail released an article on Thursday regarding SPAD's on the Citytrain network.

Slow news day ay? Good old Courier Mail going back to the well, bad mouthing Traincrew. What is interesting is what is NOT being reported. How many shifts have been worked? How many kilometres of track have been traversed? How many additional services have our Traincrew members achieved? More importantly thanking Traincrew for providing a full service through the peak of a pandemic that was so uncertain. These details are not excuses for a signal passed. However it does complete the picture of what Traincrew have managed to deliver.

I have not met one member of Traincrew that has come to work to have an incident. Similarly, I have not come across one journalist or editor that has not delivered an error in reporting at some stage.

The Courier Mail failed to reach out to the AFULE state office for comment or to my knowledge, to any member of Traincrew. This demonstrates it is a beat up and that they are not interested or willing to publish a balanced unbiased report.

In a way, it was a good thing that Facebook had blocked media outlets today as this rubbish did not make it to their platform. In an absurd turn of events, my post to the AFULE Facebook page yesterday was not published as the AFULE page has been categorised as a media organisation and has been blocked! This is a side issue and something we are sorting out with Facebook as I write this.

Members, the AFULE has your back as does the vast majority of the public. I thank you, we thank you for what you do on a daily basis. This won't be the last time the Courier Mail runs a BS piece about you. When they do, you know it's yet another slow news day by scumbags attacking frontline workers and your union of Traincrew across the state have your back.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKitrick,  
State Secretary

**Traincrew representing Traincrew**