AUSTRALIAN FEDERATED UNION OF LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEES

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QR Sector Driver Dispute Outcome

Dear Members,

I advised on the 20th of this month that the AFULE was at Step 3 in the dispute settling process with Queensland Rail relating to the 2020 cohort of trainee drivers being provided the opportunity to become full network drivers per the 2020 Enterprise Agreement.

Today the AFULE received the following undertakings from QR on this matter;

- 1. QR is providing a commitment to train all RTD's from the 2020 trainee driver schools who respond to a company EOI for network training.
- 2. An EOI will be issued to the 2020 cohort by March 8, 2024, seeking their interest in becoming sector to network drivers.
- 3. Post receiving the data from the EOI's, a training plan will be developed including scheduled individual training commencements dates, with the understanding there may be minimal changes required to this plan to accommodate personal and business needs from time to time.
- 4. Sector to Network training will commence no later than July 2024 for the 2020 cohort based on seniority, with an approximated completion date of July 2025.

At this point the AFULE has placed our dispute in abeyance and will close our dispute once confirmation is received that the final 2020 sector RTD has commence full network training.

Well done to all members, delegates and officials who continued working on this matter to achieve the desired outcome.

Attaining full network qualifications for those entering trainee driver schools post 2020 is on the AFULE agenda for the current negotiations for the 2024 Queensland Rail Traincrew Enterprise Agreement. We will continue to advocate for full network RTD's.

If you have any questions or you would like more details on the above, please contact your state office on 3844 9163, email traincrew@afule.org.au or contact your local AFULE representative.

In Solidarity,

Mick McKitrick, State Secretary