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RAIL, TRAM & BUS UNION AUSTRALIA

PN MEMBERS' EA INTERMODAL UPDATE NO.14

PN Intermodal put a significant new claim on the table

A number of members Your Negotiating Team met with the company in Melbourne on Wednesday (19 December) with the intention of drafting clauses for the proposed agreement, and to discuss changes to the DOO clause.

For this reason, two Melbourne delegates attended, because the company had indicated that the DOO changes would principally effect Melbourne Steel Terminal.

Please note, there have already been a number of discussions with the company about the DOO matter and the Union was some way towards a negotiated outcome on it.

Delegates and officials in attendance were in for a surprise, however. The company put a significant new claim on the table in relation to DOO. What they want to do is have driver only relief on the mainline for a four hour radius around any terminal.

They gave examples of corridors around Melbourne and working out of Taillem Bend and Dimboola.

There are a number of issues for the RTBU about this matter.

Firstly, the company led us to believe that their DOO changes were largely about Melbourne Steel Terminal and never indicated or flagged the very significant DOO changes they put to us at this last meeting.

Secondly, it is very concerning that they have put such a significant claim on the table at this late stage in the negotiating process.

And finally, and most importantly, these proposed changes are a significant backwards step in conditions.

Your Negotiating Team believes it is time to consider applying for a Protected Action Ballot because the company is not taking the Union seriously enough if they can put this kind of claim forward at this stage of the process.

Please contact the National Office on 02 9310 3966 if you have any questions.

Your Negotiating Team