



# RTBU

RAIL, TRAM & BUS UNION AUSTRALIA

# AURIZON MEMBERS' NEWSFLASH #3

## Aurizon negotiations come to a standstill

**Your Union met with with Aurizon management on the 8th & 9th May in Melbourne and in Sydney on the 16th & 17th May for continuing discussions for the proposed Enterprise Agreement.**

Unfortunately negotiations have come to a standstill because the company walked out of our last meeting in Sydney. They refuse to accept that we are determined to defend important conditions.

In spite of the fact that there are still a number of significant unresolved issues for the Membership, they intend to take the proposed draft EA out for a vote. They will even dangle a carrot of .5% back pay from October last year until 30th June 2013 just to get that Yes vote.

The company's EA document will be ready during this week, and they are proposing a tour sometime soon after.

Your Union is willing to continue to negotiate in good faith to get a fair and reasonable outcome.

The company, however, has made it clear that unless we concede on some important conditions they are determined to take their document out for a vote.

**Your Negotiating Team, after consultation with the Membership, is recommending you VOTE NO to this non-union agreement.**

**After consultation with the Membership, Your Negotiating Team understands the following issues are worth fighting for:**

- a higher base rate of pay to be commensurate with other freight operators
- no backward steps on rest break conditions (minimum rest at home from 12 to 11 hours in the Grain area)
- a fairer method of payment for WAR days
- no working into book-off days
- clearer definitions for DOO working

Again, Your Negotiating Team, after consultation with the Membership, is recommending you **VOTE NO** to this non-union agreement.

Please call the RTBU National Office on 02 8209 6099 if you have any feedback or questions.

Your Negotiating Team