



# FOOTPLATE

## NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH / LOCOMOTIVE DIVISION

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### To All RTBU NSW TrainLink Train Crew Members

## NSW Trains Commences New InterUrban Fleet (NIF) Discussions

Members are advised that a meeting occurred today between senior NSW Trains and Transport for NSW representatives and combined Driver and Guard Delegates from the RTBU, to be given an initial broad overview on the introduction of NIF.

The presentations, whilst broad, included topics covering but not limited to the following:

- Consultation requirements
- Operating procedures
- Technical requirements
- Workplace (Cab) standards/requirements
- Flexible working arrangements (as part of the NSW 2014 EA Clause 12)
- Employee impacts/revised crew roles/training
- Greater/improved Customer requirements/outcomes
- System/Infrastructure changes/upgrades required
- Human factors
- Existing Fleet Transition
- Kangy Angy maintenance facility to be built
- Does not include/impact the Diesel Fleet

Whilst Delegates heard that no formal decision has been made as to how the train will be operated, we were advised that the initial spec is for the train/technology to allow the train to be configured for any or all of the following operating modes:

- Driver plus guard
- Driver plus second person
- Driver Only

Delegates were left with no other impression than that DOO is their preferred method of operation as the NSW Government has authorised NSW Trains to operate the NIF as a Driver Only Train where it is safe and appropriate to do so.

It **MUST** be pointed out to Members that the RTBU has not agreed to the NIF being operated without Guards (in DOO mode).

The RTBU will now proceed to identify Delegates for the numerous specific working groups as they are required as well as forming a Senior RTBU Coordination group which would include senior Delegates.

Members will be kept informed of developments as they occur via regular Newsletter updates, RTBU and LocoExpress and member meetings.

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