



SYDNEY TRAINS REFORM

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Sydney Trains Reform: latest update

Discussions continued with Sydney Trains on the 23rd and 25th August although we are yet to receive anything of detail substance from Sydney Trains.

Sydney Trains has now agreed to provide a marked up copy of our documents with the clause/items they agree with, reject or would propose a change to at our next meet on the 30th August.

Whilst the discussions on the 23rd and 25th did not go into all the details of difference between the parties, we have been able to identify a number of items which would seem are not in contention as follows:

- Crew will own their book off days.
- There will be a number of mandatory rules to facilitate improved fatigue management and consistency of start times embedded into rostering practices including a restriction of no single book off days. A final list of items is still under discussion.
- The Guard shift swap process will mirror that of Drivers; this will remove the need for Guards to complete forms.

Meetings are scheduled to continue this week with an expectation that Sydney Trains will be in a position to provide a more details/concise proposal so discussions are able to continue.

Whilst discussions have recommenced and there seems to be consensus on a number of points (see above) there remains a lot of difficult items outstanding such as but not limited to the following:

- Aggregation of allowances,
- The provisions contained within Clause 12 specifically kilometre and hours/shift lengths,
- Length and the taking of Crib Break,

Depot Rationalisation

This working group will meet next Friday, 2nd September to confirm the transfer process and accommodation program, with the aim to provide more detail to members in late September/early October. Notice of transfer movements are likely to occur in late January or early February.



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Delegates Forum

A BAU (Business as Usual) delegate's forum is to take place this week on Wednesday 31 August to provide an update on business as usual matters of interest to Train Crew.

It is the intention of the parties to hold a specific Future Operations Reform delegates forum as soon as we have more details and something of substance to report and discuss with delegates.

Members will be advised of any discussions as they occur and when depot meetings are arranged to brief and get feedback/comment from members on the Sydney Trains/Governments proposition.

Unless you hear it and or see it in writing from the union, it is probably a rumour. You shouldn't hesitate to contact your delegate, the Divisional Office and or send an email to the dedicated RTBU Member email address: sydneytrainsreform@rtbu-nsw.asn.au