



FOOTPLATE

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH / LOCOMOTIVE DIVISION

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SYDNEY TRAINS FUTURE OPERATIONS DRIVERS UPDATE

Members are advised that at a Sydney Trains RTBU Driver Delegates meeting held on Thursday 6th April, in principle agreement was given to proceed to a vote of Members on a Future Operations package in relation to a number of Items in Clause 12.1 of the Sydney Trains Enterprise Agreement.

Subject to some drafting which should take place over the next few weeks, the package **will be limited** to the following items:

-) A new way of paying the overtime bonus, to be called a Work on Book Off Day payment,
-) The incorporation of the call out allowance into the new overtime bonus method/payment,
-) The incorporation of the cab allowance into base hourly rates and paid for all purposes, and
-) Drivers owning their Book off days.

The package **does not** include any changes to the following:

-) Current Shift limits, will remain as a maximum of 8.33hrs,
-) Maximum km's of 217kms,
-) Mileage payments,
-) Lift up/lay back,
-) Sectorisation,
-) Maximum number of shifts in excess of 209,
-) Any other item as covered by clause 12.2 of the current Sydney Trains EA.

The final package wording will continue to be worked on over the next few weeks as a detailed information pack needs to be prepared for and provided to members prior to any vote being conducted, as contained in clause 12.8 of the current Sydney Trains EA.

A Depot Tour is being arranged to explain/brief members on the proposed changes and so as to provide a best opportunity for all members to vote, an independent external company will be used to run an electronic secret ballot.

Members are reminded that whilst in principled agreement has been given by Delegates the changes can only be implemented if a majority of members who vote agree with the change.

The parties have committed to continue to discuss the remaining 12.1 and 12.2 Items and should any in principle agreement be reached in the future another vote will be required.

A more detailed Newsletter will be issued within the next week as soon as wording has been finalised and the Depot Tour and Voting process has been finalised.

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