



# RAILTRAIN NEWSFLASH

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## VICTORY ON ONE AGREEMENT

Your Union had a victory in the Fair Work Commission late on Friday 2 June, with Railtrain backing down and agreeing to go back to the original RTBU position of one Enterprise Agreement. This is an important victory that gives Members in all Classifications **the protection of one agreement**, with the specific streams pertaining to each workgroup.

This decision means that Railtrain must come back to the table and renew negotiations with the RTBU (this will be happening on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June). The RTBU will continue to bargain in good faith with Railtrain to get the best outcome for our Members.

We will NOT be rushed or coerced just because the company wants to get on with business as usual. You deserve better than that, and we will continue the fight.

Four years is a long time to be locked into a sub-standard Enterprise Agreement and the RTBU is committed with support from Members to get the best deal we can.

Irrespective of the outcome of the meeting, Railtrain has advised that it will begin its access period on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

An access period is the 7-day period ending immediately prior to the voting period for a proposed enterprise agreement. During the access period, an employer has an obligation to take all reasonable steps to ensure that all employees receive a copy of the proposed enterprise agreement, that employees are notified about the voting process, and that the terms of the enterprise agreement are explained.

This means that Railtrain still intends to push ahead with a ballot on its proposed Agreement, regardless of where we're at with negotiations.

**The RTBU still strongly encourages the "NO VOTE" as it is clear that one day of negotiations is insufficient time to recommence, negotiate and finalise a decent EA for Members.**

Remember this is your Agreement. You will decide if it's up to scratch or not. And the RTBU will continue the battle to get what you want.

**SOLIDARITY!**