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Dear Brother Nanva

Rail operator Aurizon locks out striking drivers in the NSW Hunter Valley

On behalf of 4.5 million transport workers represented by the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) worldwide, we would like to express solidarity and support for the Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union (RTBU), in your strike action against Aurizon, Australia's largest rail freight company.

The ITF was informed that around 200 drivers went on strike on 25 February, effectively shutting down Aurizon's operation for three days after pay talks that started in May 2013 stalled. The industrial action was supported by 94 percent of workers. Instead of coming to an agreement the company decided to lock out striking drivers from 27 February 2014.

The ITF and its affiliates in the railway transport industry worldwide fully support this protest action and urge the company to resolve the current issues through meaningful negotiations and stop its attacks on workers.

Yours fraternally,

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Section Secretary, Inland Transport Sections

cc: Mahendra Sharma, ITF Asia Pacific Regional Secretary