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RTBU MEMBERS STAND UP TO LABOUR HIRE BULLIES AT RAILTRAIN

RTBU members are sending a strong message to the bosses at Railtrain and labour hire companies across Australia: the RTBU will not stand by and allow wages and conditions to be undercut without a fight.

RTBU members at labour hire company RMC Track and Civil (a subsidiary of parent company Railtrain) have voted down an unfair agreement that included pay and conditions well-below the rail industry average and barely above the Award.

Management held the vote after only three teleconference meetings with the RTBU Negotiating Team, during which they arrogantly dismissed the Union's concerns. It was obvious they had no intention of bargaining in good faith.

But this NO vote means the company now needs to go back to the drawing board, sharpen their pencil and come up with a better offer.

This win against Railtrain and its subsidiaries is the latest in our long-running campaign to stand up to their corporate greed and bullying tactics.

For over 18 months, Railtrain has tried every trick in the book to deny its workforce a fair and decent enterprise agreement that improves training, rostering, fatigue management and pay conditions. And RTBU members have stood up to them every step of the way.

Now Railtrain is about to commence negotiations for a Queensland train crew agreement, and it is only a matter of time before they commence negotiations for a NSW train crew agreement. We will keep members informed of any developments.

Rest assured, your Union will continue to do everything we legally can to fight the underhanded and aggressive tactics of Railtrain and other labour hire companies across Australia.

And remember, our greatest strength is our solidarity. Joining the RTBU is the best way to protect your rights at work. To find out how you can join, contact the RTBU National Office on (02) 8203 6099 or rtbu@rtbu.org.au.