



# RTBU NSW

## NEWSFLASH

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## HUNTER VALLEY RELIEF POINTS

### ARTC FINALLY ACT

After three years of argument, several injuries and your Unions request for Comcare intervention, ARTC have finally done something to improve safety, which this time actually looks like happening.

ARTC have issued new instructions to all Operators to initiate changed crew relief arrangements from this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

ARTC have advised that each Operator is to issue new procedures to reflect their required changes. In short, it appears relief arrangements will go back to similar arrangements that were in place pre the relief point trial.

Members will recall previous newsletters outlining ARTC's intention to build suitable structures at Black Creek, Farley and Hexham. It has since come to light that this initiative was based on the coal mines and other operators (the Rail Capacity Group) funding this initiative. From all accounts it would seem the RCG, did not approve funding which has resulted in ARTC's latest decision to implement new procedures.

This decision to change the current procedures has only been bought about by continued pressure from the RTBU Locomotive Division and Comcare, (the safety regulator)

Members are advised to familiarise yourself with your companies latest crew relief procedures and only do changes/reliefs where allocated and is safe to do so. Any safety hazard at those locations should be reported to your supervisor and the Network Controller.