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HUNTER BULK TERMINALS – DUMP STATION BUILDINGS HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

After several complaints from members and Health and their Safety Representatives, The RTBU Locomotive Division has written to PWCS, Pacific National, Aurizon and Genesee Wyoming Australia regarding the disgraceful conditions of the dump station building and facilities used by Terminal Driver Members.

As the facility is Multi User, it would seem no one company wants to take responsibility for the facilities and thus they expect members/their employees to use/work in an environment which they would not be prepared to work out of themselves. Considering each company's claim to high safety standards, it is disappointing that the facility has been allowed to get into such poor condition, including the following defects:

- broken doors and windows,
- worn or non-existent seals around doors windows.
- broken seating,
- dust and dirt everywhere,
- broken or discharged fire extinguishers, and
- no professional cleaning being performed.

As we believe that the PWCS own the facility and is the Person Conducting the Business Unit (PCBU) under the WHS act, we have asked PWCS to talk to the operators and get this situation sorted. We have made it clear that if something has not been done to fix all the defects within two weeks, we will refer the matter to the safety regulators, Safe Work NSW and ComCare.

Members asked and or expected to work in this facility should continue to report safety issues and not put themselves in any situation they consider unsafe or inadequate to perform your expected task. Members will be updated as developments occur.