



NEWSFLASH: IN-CAB AUDIO AND VIDEO

Our long-time battle to prevent employers from installing and using in-cab audio and visual at their discretion is coming to a head.

As you know, we have already managed to achieve agreement with some rail operators on how in-cab is to be used in a limited way. This has been done at the individual employer level.

Now, ONRSR (Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator) is putting a policy to government to allow rail operators to simply 'consult' with their workforce and then implement whatever they want.

No Australian should be micro monitored especially in a location that serves as their lunch room and change room. Imagine you make a silly comment to your co-worker and all of a sudden that's used against you...

The RTBU will not give in. We are fighting this policy on multiple fronts:

- 1) Through campaigns that we will ask you to sign or action (keep an eye out for these)
- 2) We have written to all Labor Transport Ministers/Shadows demanding that they stop this change and that the weight of our 35,000 members is counting on them. For a copy of that letter, [click here](#).

To achieve this change of legislation, ONRSR needs to get it through the National Cabinet committee pertaining to Transport which we understand is meeting at the end of next week.

If the Ministers endorse ONRSR's proposal, it will still need to be legislated by each State and Territory Government.

In that case we will commence full-scale campaigns across Australia, mobilising our national membership and our community supporters, to stop this draconian proposal from becoming law.

At a high level, the RTBU remains opposed to in-cab audio and video however if it must be implemented it can only occur on terms that are agreeable to us and which RTBU members have approved.

Allowing employers to play Big Brother is about control, not safety.

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