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Aurizon Picnic Day - Dispute

Dispute Lodged ... Again.

Today, the dispute regarding Aurizon's failure to pay the stand-alone public holiday payment for members who were rostered X-Day on the 2024 picnic day has been re-lodged. The response from members have been outstanding with 180 signatures from across the Hunter Valley in just over a week. This represents over 60% of employees, a massive effort for such a short period of time.

The dispute goes further than not paying the stand-alone payment for the most recent picnic day that fell on an X-Day for some members. Under Aurizon's interpretation, unless you work into or out of the X-Day, you're not entitled to the 7.6 stand-alone payment for **ANY** public holiday.

This interpretation sets a concerning precedent for all future public holidays. If left unchallenged, it could undermine the hard-fought benefits members rely on. It is crucial for all members to continue stand united to ensure that these entitlements are protected now and in the future.

Where to from here?

Now that the dispute has been lodged to each depot's superintendent, we await their response. Once Aurizon's response is received, we will consider it and provide you with relevant updates.