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Dear Member

Traincrew Confused Over EA Communication (UPDATE)

Today I had lengthy discussions with Pacific National over the communication that was sent out, and have been given a clear indication on the way forward.

As a union member, your union will always represent you and your interests at the EA bargaining table; we do this in two ways:

Firstly, we bring to the table firsthand knowledge and a wealth of experience in negotiating EAs in many different rail companies and are backed by a strong industrial team who are always available to assist as required.

Secondly, we always have an off the job delegate with us at all EA meetings to ensure we have local specific workplace knowledge as well.

The Notice that was sent out by PN is advising a nomination period for a representative(s) for each depot - positions that will be nominated by and voted on at depot level - similar to the way HSR reps are elected. This means that just like the 2014 negotiations, each depot will have a representative(s) at the table as well.

Put simply, if you or someone you know has the qualities to be an additional good depot representative then you should nominate him/her. Obviously you will have to discuss this nomination with the person concerned to make sure they are comfortable with the nomination.

If there are multiple nominations then an election will be held at the depot and all traincrew covered by the agreement at that depot will have the opportunity to vote.

I hope this clarifies the situation and I look forward to working closely with your chosen depot representative(s) at the negotiation table.

Please keep your eye out for meeting notices and EA updates in the coming weeks as negotiations get underway.

Unity is Strength

Bruce Mackie

State President, RTBU Qld Branch