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## Safety Dispute – QR Fleet

### Background

The Rail Tram and Bus Union (RTBU) issued a notice to its members expressing grave concern about the safety and reliability of the QR fleet following the catastrophic collision between a QR train and Cleveland Railway Station.

RTBU members were and still are concerned that the apparent reasons for the potentially catastrophic event at Cleveland requires to be addressed to avoid a similar occurrence threatening the lives of trainee and the general public.

QR and representatives of the Qld Government pressed for an urgent hearing in the Fair Work Commission seeking that RTBU members immediately take the trains in dispute back into service on the basis it would create potential unreasonable inconvenience to the public and that there was no significant safety risk in their view.

### Fair Work Commission Decision

A member of the Fair Work Commission has decided that she is not satisfied that our members' concerns about the risk to their safety are reasonable.

We respectfully disagree.

Orders have been made, and we will observe them.

But we are seeking urgent advice on any grounds of appeal open to us.

If there are grounds, we will appeal at the earliest opportunity.

For comment:

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