Dear Member,

**QR Bargaining Station Operations**

Negotiations in Station Operations kicked off this week with delegates considering the proposals put by management and they have been working through the current agreement to gain an understanding of the proposal that was put to them this week.

The big change for this round of negotiations is of course, the environment they are happening in.

We have witnessed some of the most radical changes in workplace laws occurring just prior to our bargaining. The same laws affect people in other areas of government such as nurses and teachers. These laws are so radical we've not seen anything so severe for decades. They’re hurting families the length and breadth of Queensland.

Campbell Newman has changed the laws we work under for the worse. By doing that he broke his promise to not disadvantage people and it is appalling.

To make matters worse wasting taxpayers’ money, putting advertisements on the TV and in the paper, the Newman Government is selling the attack on workplace laws as some sort of virtue.

Despite the obstacles, Unions intend to navigate them with members as best as possible to protect as many existing rights as possible. There are a lot of risks and problems we will face as the process continues.

It is our intention to continue negotiating in an attempt to come up with agreements that provide members with reasonable job protection and fair wages.

We have attached, for your review Queensland Rail’s log of claims for Station Operations. It is important to remember that this document is the first tabled by Queensland Rail and this is the starting point for the negotiations process.

We will keep you updated as the process continues.

Unity is Strength

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