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Dear Member

Traincrew Agreement Update

Your Union has received numerous calls from members questioning the progress of the Traincrew Agreement that was submitted to Fair Work some 4 weeks ago.

Fair Work Australia (the Federal Industrial Commission) is required to formally approve all Enterprise Agreements and unfortunately this sometimes takes a while, for reasons best known to Fair Work.

Both the RTBU and QR have made enquiries about seeking an estimated time for the approval to occur, but have not been provided with anything concrete.

However, it is highly unlikely that there will be any problems with the Agreement's approval, but the final call lies with Fair Work.

Members can be assured that the back pay dates and the conditions that they voted for and agreed to by both Traincrew and Queensland Rail is only awaiting Fair Work to complete its process.

As a result of the delay, the RTBU has approached Queensland Rail suggesting they consider a special pay to be run after approval. This would allow members to receive their back pay outside of their normal pay, taking into consideration the potential complexity of the specific payslip relating to this. Queensland Rail has indicated they will enquire about but such an initiative through Payroll.

Members can be assured that as soon as the approval of your agreement is completed by Fair Work the RTBU will advise members.

Unity is Strength

Shayne Kummerfeld
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