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Dear Member,

Federal Court Proceedings Re: Removal of Shiftworker Status from Aurizon Rollingstock Maintenance Workers

As members are well aware, after the receipt of legal counsel advice on what the RTBU considers to be nothing less than theft of conditions from shiftworker members by Aurizon, the RTBU and other Unions involved are pursuing the reinstatement of your conditions through the Federal Court.

The RTBU appreciates that you have all been very patient while we pursue this matter in this legal arena where progress has the tendency to be slow and laborious.

I would like to take an opportunity to let you know that this significant issue is being progressed and update you on where we are.

Before the application is filed there are a number of important legal processes to be followed including exchange of various types of material pertinent to the eventual procedures in court.

Currently all the Unions' legal teams are reviewing the draft "pleadings" (statement of facts) received from our Barrister which entails providing any amendments required. This part of the process has to be very exact so that we don't submit incorrect information to the Federal Court.

Once this occurs our legal teams will receive a final draft from the Barrister for a final review which then gets submitted to the Court. Unfortunately, then we will be at the mercy of the court to determine how quickly everything moves.

I will ensure you are again advised once there have been any developments with this case. Again let me express my gratitude with your patience while we pursue overturning Aurizon's appalling treatment of some of their shiftworker employees.

Unity is Strength

Owen Doogan
**RTBU State Secretary,
Queensland Branch**