



# RTBU

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

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Dear Member,

## Dispute Update

### Aurizon Job Slashing

Last week, the RTBU and AFULE notified Aurizon management that a dispute exists around breaching Consultation and Redundancy clauses in the Traincrew and Transport Operations Agreement 2015.

We believe the announcement of redundancies and the employing of contract and casual Labour breaches redundancies clauses in the agreement.

As you may be aware, Aurizon went ahead with confirming their redundancy proposals as they did not accept that a dispute existed. The Unions then took it to the next stage of the dispute settling procedure, but unsurprisingly Aurizon have failed to find a solution, and both unions have sought the assistance of the Fair Work Commission as provided for in the dispute settling provisions contained in your Agreement.

We have now been notified that this matter will come before the Fair Work Commission on Friday 23 June 2017. Subsequent to this hearing, I will ensure members are fully briefed on all developments.

There has been a fair degree of community outrage at the Aurizon tactic of making workers in secure employment redundant to replace them with insecure casuals and labour hire. This is something which has been bubbling in regional Queensland for some time as communities see secure jobs removed and replaced by casual, part time, labour hire and fly in/fly out.

Aurizon's recent announcement is just the latest assault on the quality of life in regional Queensland. The RTBU is involved in a community based campaign against Aurizon's job slashing and community meetings and local action groups have been set up.

Members are encouraged to attend and show support for those affected workers whenever possible.

**Unity is Strength**

Owen Doogan  
**RTBU State Secretary,  
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