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Dear Member

## RTBU Pursues Compensation for Regional Civil Maintenance Workers

**The RTBU is currently in negotiations to pursue compensation for Regional Queensland QR Civil Maintenance employees over a breach to rostering by QLD Rail.**

The previous Network Enterprise Agreement's rostering provisions for the 'Civil Maintenance Area' give workers two days off per week. QR breached these provisions of the Agreement by placing Civil Maintenance workers on 'Blockworking' rosters, which were meant for construction engineering employees, in that the roster starts a fortnight by working your 76 hours for consecutive days away from your home station to allow maximum time off (example - 9 days on and 5 days off).

Over 200 hundred workers had been affected by QLD Rail's breach of the provision. This comes almost 2 years after the RTBU was successful in pursuing compensation for the South East Queensland Civil Maintenance employees for the same breach.

We will keep members advised of the outcome or any significant developments relating to these negotiations.

Unity is Strength

Ross Schimke

**Southern District Organiser**