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ATTENTION RTBU MEMBERS

Covered by the Yarra Trams Operations Enterprise Agreement

Wednesday 19 August 2015

The RTBU Tram & Bus Division in company with our legal counsel attended the Fair Work Commission hearing at 2:00pm today, to advocate against the attempt by Yarra Trams to terminate or suspend all the RTBU Protected Industrial Actions.

After considerable debate the FWC made recommendations consisting of the following:

- Yarra Trams will withdraw its existing application to terminate or suspend RTBU Protected Industrial Action.
- The Union will not proceed with the Planned 4 Hour Stoppage on Friday 21st Aug 2015 and the ban on making announcements on Tuesday 25th Aug 2015.
- Yarra Trams are to provide a further improved offer to the Union by close of business on Friday 21st Aug 2015.

However all other Planned Protected Industrial Action is still active including;

- The 4 Hour stoppage on Thursday 27th Aug 2015 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
- Overtime Bans on Fri 21st Aug 2015 and Fri 28th Aug 2015 from First to Last Tram.
- Bans on Wearing the Yarra Trams uniform on Mon 24th Aug 2015.
- Ban on Short Shunting Trams on Wednesday 26th Aug 2015 by Fleet Operators.

Whilst the 4 Hour stoppage on Friday 21st Aug is postponed, the RTBU has been able to extract a better offer from Yarra Trams consisting of;

Option (A) 13% over 4 years and Option (B) 15% over 4 years (subject to 14 day roster), with a commitment from Yarra Trams to provide a further improved offer by close of business Fri 21st Aug 2015.

This has been possible as a result of the determined willingness to take up the fight to Yarra Trams in the FWC and as a result of the overwhelming solidarity of RTBU Members. The Union will continue to negotiate over the coming days with the view to improve the offer by Yarra Trams to a level that can be accepted by RTBU Members.

Should this not occur by next Thursday 27th August 2015 we reserve the Right to Take Action. In regards to the 4 Hour stoppage on that day.

The Union will keep members informed on developments.

UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL

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Secretary

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