

ABUSE IS A CRIME

STAND UP FOR

TRANSPORT WORKERS



CAMPAIGN INFO SHEET

OBJECTIVE:

Assaults on front line staff are rampant. Whether verbal, or physical this must not be tolerated in our industry and more must be done to protect transport workers in customer facing environments. While we have pushed for operators to take action on safety, it is time we also push the government to do their bit.

Currently Emergency Services workers are protected by tough penalties for anyone who tries to assault them. This has been coupled with a public awareness and educational campaign by the government demanding respect at work. As public transport workers, we face similar issues each day and deserve the same cover.

The RTBU demands that the government legislate to provide tougher penalties and a fair-dinkum public campaign to protect public transport workers from abuse on the job.

STRATEGY:

We need to make this an issue for the government, draw in public support for our increased safety at work, and visibly build our campaign over coming weeks and months. We need the government to commit to supporting front line staff and must work as a united collective across different grades and companies to ensure we secure a victory for us all.

By building support in each workplace across the industry we will be able to coordinate action across the state to raise awareness on social media, submit petitions to the government, apply pressure to the Premier and Minister for serious change to take place.

Over the page are listed details on how each campaign tool will be useful to the campaign and how you can ensure your workplace provides the punch to get this campaign off the ground.

ACTIONS & MATERIALS:

Workplace Resolution

Pass this resolution at your workplace with all your members present. If you can't get everyone together at the same time, pass it at separate meetings and get a photo of everyone holding your **selfie signs**. Send a copy of the resolution with **mover** and **seconder** along with any photos to the RTBU so we can coordinate photos and motions across the network.

Petition

We need to show the government that front line grades want serious change. Get everyone in your workplace to sign the petition and show them we're united. Once you fill a page of the petition, take a photo or scan it and send it to the RTBU office

Selfie Sign

Use these signs to take photos in your workplaces. Feel free to make up your own signs as well with your important or personalised message. The more of these photos we can get out there, the more noise we can make to force the government to listen. **Let's be loud and proud!**

Posters

The posters are for sticking up EVERYWHERE. Put them up throughout your workplace wherever you think you can get away with it. It is important that the company also sees the importance of this campaign and that everyone can push together for action.

Email Daniel Andrews

Daniel Andrews has the power to make this change. Let him know that this is an important issue – and don't hesitate to include your personal experiences.

<https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/abuse-is-a-crime>

Send us your workplace updates:



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