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## UPDATE ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

23 April 2019

### **FURTHER BARGAINING FOR A NEW OPERATIONS ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT**

Today, we again met with Yarra Trams to continue bargaining.

Unfortunately, it appears from the behaviour of some of the Yarra Trams bargaining team that Yarra Trams still does not grasp the nature of bargaining. It has continued to attempt to dictate the structure of bargaining. On each occasion, we have called out this conduct as unacceptable and refused to allow Yarra Trams to unilaterally determine how bargaining will proceed.

Today, we also saw continued behaviour from Yarra Trams consistent with an intention to go through the motions of bargaining as quickly as possible without properly considering or responding to proposals. The RTBU refuses to accept such behaviour. It is inconsistent with good faith bargaining. We will not be rushed. We will continue to insist, as we did today, that our claims are properly considered and that Yarra Trams properly responds.

As you will recall, we have told Yarra Trams that we will bargain in relation to common conditions first. We expect Yarra Trams to consider each of our claims in relation to common conditions and provide appropriate responses before we proceed to bargain for claims in relation to operational matters.

Our next bargaining meeting is on 26 April 2019. At that meeting, we will continue to bargain in relation to common conditions.

**Tarik Koç**  
Secretary

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