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RAMPING UP OUR FIGHT AGAINST YARRA TRAMS' CASH GRAB

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Today we notified Yarra Trams that we will be significantly ramping up our industrial action in our fight to stop their plans to slash the take-home pay of full-time workers by up to \$9.69 million each year. RTBU members will take a further six stoppages in March.

We will not tolerate Yarra Trams' disgraceful cash grab. Yarra Trams raked in over \$22 million in profits last financial year, yet they are seeking to take an average of over **\$7,000** out of the take-home pay of each full-time driver every year! How would full-time workers make ends meet with a \$7,000 per year pay cut?

Yarra Trams don't care. All Yarra Trams wants is to massively increase their profits. We won't let them. We will continue to fight. This is the fight for members' livelihood! This is the fight for the future of our industry!

It is unfortunate that the Victorian public and particularly Grand Prix fans will be inconvenienced. This is all Yarra Trams' fault. Yarra Trams needs to end their campaign of dishonesty with workers and the public and drop their part-time claim. If Yarra Trams drops their part-time claim, we will not need to take the industrial action.

In order to get a fair deal, all members, except Authorised Officers (AOs), Depot Starters (Officer Production) and Traffic Officer/Drivers (TODs), will take the following industrial action:

1. A 4-hour stoppage of all work commencing at **10am on Tuesday, 3 March 2020** and finishing at **2pm on Tuesday, 3 March 2020**.
2. A 4-hour stoppage of all work commencing at **10am on Thursday, 5 March 2020** and finishing at **2pm on Thursday, 5 March 2020**.
3. A 4-hour stoppage of all work commencing at **10am on Thursday, 12 March 2020** and finishing at **2pm on Thursday, 12 March 2020**.
4. A 4-hour stoppage of all work commencing at **10am on Friday, 13 March 2020** and finishing at **2pm on Friday, 13 March 2020**.
5. A 4-hour stoppage of all work commencing at **12 noon on Saturday, 14 March 2020** and finishing at **4pm on Saturday, 14 March 2020**.
6. A 4-hour stoppage of all work commencing at **12 noon on Sunday, 15 March 2020** and finishing at **4pm on Sunday, 15 March 2020**.

We are told by the Authorised Officers' representative that AOs will take the same actions.

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