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Massive Show of Unity

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Today, we sent Yarra Trams a powerful message. We are so proud of our members! Our strength is increasing! We are more determined than ever to fight!

The energy and support at the rally was amazing. There were passionate and inspirational speeches from our RTBU comrades, RTBU Victorian Branch Secretary, Luba Grigorovitch, RTBU National Secretary, Mark Diamond, and RTBU's Women's Officer, Kathryn Breakwell. We'd like to thank our comrades from the wider trade union movement who came and supported us today. In particular, we'd like to thank the Assistant Secretary of the Victorian Trades Hall Council, Carina Garland, and Transport Workers' Union State Secretary and National President, John Berger, for their fantastic speeches and support.

Our sisters and brothers in the transport industry fully understand and support our fight to protect the future of the tramways. They are on the frontlines of casualisation. All too often, they have heard employers dishonestly claim to care about diversity as a smokescreen for introducing mass part-time and casual workforces.

After every stoppage, Yarra Trams sends you a misleading message. They pretend we're not discussing Yarra Trams' part-time claim and that we are not coming to the bargaining table.

The facts are:

- Yarra Trams has repeatedly refused to answer the RTBU's simple questions about the financial impact of their part-time claim on the take-home pay of full-time workers.
- Yarra Trams refused an opportunity to meet at the Fair Work Commission prior to today's industrial action.

Yarra Trams' stubbornness and unreasonableness is the only reason a deal has not been reached.

We will not be fooled by Yarra Trams' delaying tactics. We will fight as long as it takes to get a fair deal!

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