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Operations EBA Bargaining Update

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Today, the Tram Executive met to discuss Yarra Trams' response to our offer and the next steps in bargaining.

- We have achieved some progress in bargaining. Yarra Trams has agreed to a small number of claims in the latest offer. However, there has been nowhere near enough movement.
- Yarra Trams is still refusing to budge on our critical claims. While the RTBU has acted in good faith and offered to compromise on some key claims, Yarra Trams' stubbornness is ridiculous.
- Yarra Trams' current position is very similar to the proposal that it put out to a vote of employees last time – which was overwhelmingly rejected in a 94% No vote. This once again shows that they don't learn and they don't listen!
- The Tram Executive has decided that if Yarra continues their unreasonable opposition to our fair and sensible claims, we will ramp up industrial action. We plan to hit them hard with targeted actions.
- Before starting our escalation of industrial action, we will be conducting depot visits to update members and talk about our plans. We think it is important to consult members before embarking on this significant course of action.
- In the meantime, we call on Yarra Trams to listen to their workers, behave reasonably and accept the fair and realistic claims of the RTBU.

We stand united in our struggle for a better deal!

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Secretary

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