



# RAIL TRAM & BUS UNION

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## RTBU TO RAMP UP STRIKE ACTION

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Yarra Trams has left RTBU members no choice but to ramp up strike action.

We have given Yarra Trams every opportunity to agree to our fair and reasonable critical claims. But progress has stalled because of Yarra Trams' immature games.

We have told Yarra Trams that an agreement can be quickly reached if they drop their part-time proposal. However, Yarra Trams has put forward a so-called "new part-time proposal" that has most of the same features as their last proposal that you rejected.

Yarra Trams' part-time proposal will see your take home pay slashed. This is precisely why Yarra Trams wants to introduce a mass part-time workforce. Yarra Trams wants to slash penalty payments and overtime payments.

Yarra Trams has admitted that they want to reduce your take home pay. At the bargaining meeting on Tuesday, **Yarra Trams stated:**

**"All responsible organisations are always seeking to reduce their labour and overtime costs"**

**That is what Yarra Trams' plans are all about. How disgraceful!!!**

**We say that responsible organisations should agree to fair wages and conditions and provide for a safe workplace. That is what we are fighting for!**

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 stoppages of all work commencing at **10am on Tuesday, 28 January 2020** and finishing at **2pm on Tuesday, 28 January 2020**.
2. Commencing at **10am on Thursday, 30 January 2020** and finishing at **2pm on Thursday, 30 January 2020**.

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

**We will never stop fighting for a better deal!**

**Tarik Koç**  
Secretary

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Assistant Secretary