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Operations EBA Bargaining Update: Yarra Trams Agrees to Meet RTBU

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On Monday, 9 December 2019, the RTBU wrote to Yarra Trams to tell them that unless they agreed to meet with the RTBU we would make an application to the Fair Work Commission requiring them to do so. This was necessary because Yarra Trams has refused to meet despite repeated requests from the RTBU over a number of weeks.

In response, Yarra Trams demanded we make concessions about their part-time claim before they would agree to meet with us.

The RTBU refused to make any concessions. The RTBU will continue to explain to Yarra Trams our position on their part-time claim and respond to any of their claims.

We are pleased that last night Yarra Trams reconsidered its unacceptable position and agreed to meet and participate in bargaining meetings.

The RTBU will be meeting with Yarra Trams next week.

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

Yarra Trams appears to believe that their delaying tactics will wear us down. This misguided strategy is doomed to fail. We will fight as long as it takes to get a fair deal!

Yarra Trams needs to get real and act reasonably so we can reach a fair deal without further delay.

We will not take a backwards step in our fight for a fair deal!

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