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## Yarra Trams surrenders in Federal Court case

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In a major victory for members, Yarra Trams has waved the white flag in the Federal Court case that the RTBU Tram & Bus Division brought against it over its attempt to introduce new short shift rosters at the Brunswick and Glenhuntly Depots. It has agreed not to implement the rosters.

On 30 October 2018, Yarra Trams notified members employed at the Brunswick and Glenhuntly Depots that it intended to introduce new rosters. Yarra Trams then commenced what it claimed was a "consultation" process, but what was actually an implementation process.

The rosters that Yarra Trams intended to implement contained shifts less than the minimum of 7 hours, or 6 hours on Sunday and public holidays, that we say is required by the Operations EBA. The roster plans are consistent with Yarra Trams' plan to try and introduce a mass part-time workforce, now confirmed in the EBA negotiation.

After attempts to resolve the matter with Yarra Trams failed, the RTBU Tram & Bus Division started a Federal Court case in January 2019 to prevent the implementation of the rosters.

Yarra Trams has now surrendered and made a promise to the Court that it will not implement its planned roster changes at the Brunswick and Glenhuntly Depots while the current Operations EBA remains in operation. With this promise, the proceeding has now been brought to an end.

This is a fantastic victory for members. We stopped Yarra Trams in its tracks.

Should Yarra Trams try to implement rosters with short shifts in any other depots, we will immediately take Yarra Trams to the Federal Court again.

We now need to fight against Yarra Trams' attempts to introduce short shifts and a mass part-time workforce in the new Operations EBA!

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