



Rail, Tram & Bus Union

Tram and Bus Division NSW Branch

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Dear Member,

The wheels fell off discussions between the RTBU and Busways this week when it became clear that the company had quietly registered a back up EA in case the union wins the Greenfield appeal. We had to find it ourselves, no one bothered to inform us it had been done. On top of this, the company tried to explain it away and couldn't be honest about why they had done it.

What it proves is that the company is committed to the two-tiered system, and we have to go hard to convince them it's not going to work.

The plan now is to fast track the path to Protected Industrial action once the company takes over and apply some well-deserved pressure as soon as possible.

We will not be laying down after 90 years of fighting and watch our conditions disappear because Busways can't think of any better way to make a profit than ripping off future bus drivers. We know how a two-tiered system works, and if you're the more expensive option for the company, you can say goodbye to anything that earns a penalty.

The first steps are depot meetings at Willoughby (11AM Monday) and Ryde (10:30AM Tuesday) depots.

We'll be outlining the steps forward and how we get to where we can legally take industrial action.

We're not saying we won't sit down with the company in the future, but we're not interested in wasting our time while they organise to screw workers over.

In Solidarity,

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