

KD ENTERPRISE BARGAINING UPDATE 04

Date: 04 February 2022

The RTBU was scheduled to meet with KD management representatives Emmanuel Genlot, Nikki Garbett and Mel Hogan on Wednesday 02 February 2022 to continue negotiations for the Keolis Downer Newcastle Bus Operations Enterprise Agreement 2021, but unfortunately the meeting was cancelled by Keolis Downer due to what they claimed "were operational staffing issues"

Considering this meeting had been planned way in advance and the importance of these EA meetings, your union has written off to Keolis Downer expressing our disappointment and seeking a commitment from them that these meetings will go ahead no matter what the staffing issues may be. Your delegates will be advised of the outcome of this request once it is known.

With regards to the actual EA negotiations themselves, your union committee has decided that we will NOT be putting forward to Keolis Downer any ideas on how to get greater 'flexibility' in rostering and increase 'efficiencies'. Keolis Downer will need to put forward their own Log of Claims which explains how these claims would be a benefit to **YOU**.

At our next EA meeting scheduled for Wednesday 09 February 2022, your committee will expect Keolis Downer to start working through your formal log of claims and if time permits for Keolis to put formally on the negotiating table their list of log of claims.

Please feel free to discuss any EA related questions with your local delegates **Robin O'Donoghue** and **Glenn Saunders**. Your Divisional Vice-President **Brett Peters** is also available to assist.

What can YOU do?

- Take an interest in your working conditions for the next few years.
- Contact your Union negotiators with your comments and concerns.
- Tell us what you will accept, and we will continue to try and get agreement on it.
- Talk to other Drivers and keep them informed.
- Encourage others to join the RTBU.

It is only in numbers and unity that we have power for improvement.

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