

Rail, Tram and Bus Union



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Update on Protected Action Ballot Timetable

Members are advised that the following revised Protected Action Ballot Timetable has been received from the AEC.

Method of Voting – Postal Ballot

Timetable

Day 0	30/03/10	FWA hearing and making of ballot orders
Day 2	01/04/10	Applicant & employer to provide lists and covering declarations to AEC by 4:00 pm
Days 3-6	02/04/10 – 05/04/10	Public Holiday and Weekend
Day 7	06/04/10	AEC arranges with employer to place notice in prominent locations at workplaces Roll of Voters closes at 5:00 pm
Days 8-9	07/04/10 – 08/04/10	Roll and Ballot Preparation
Day 10	09/04/10	Ballot opens – AEC posts ballot material to eligible voters by 5:00 pm.
Days 11-12	10/04/10 – 11/04/10	Weekend
Day 13	12/04/10	Ballot material in transit
Day 14	13/04/10	Eligible voters receive ballot material
Day 15	14/04/10	Eligible Voters consider ballot material
Days 16-27	15/04/10 – 26/04/10	Eligible voters return ballot material to AEC.
Day 28	27/04/10	Ballot Closes 10:00 am.
		AEC counts ballot and declares result as soon as practicable.

As previously advised this is the Ballot for what types of action members are prepared to take should it be necessary. Should the ballot/s be successful we would then have the ability to notify the Company and FWA of our intention to take protected industrial action within a 30 day window from the declaration of the Ballot/s. We are required to give 3 days' notice before commencing any such action.

The Ballot will contain the following Questions for Members to vote either Yes or No :

- 1. Do you support a number of ongoing and repeated stoppages, each lasting from between ½ day to 2 days duration, occurring nationally, during the protected industrial action period?**
- 2. Do you support a single national stoppage of ½ day duration?**
- 3. Do you support a single national stoppage of 1 day duration?**
- 4. Do you support a single national stoppage of 2 days duration?**

#If you have not received your Ballot Paper by the 15th April you should call Grant Black at the AEC on 02 9779 1030 or 0413 274 772

YOUR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IS ASKING THAT MEMBERS VOTE YES TO ALL 4 QUESTIONS AS IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

Additional Newsflashes will be issued as developments occur.

Also it is important that we continue to get information about what the Company has put out and about saying (if anything) on what they are planning for any of the Business Group Agreements.

I ask that any such information be given / advised to your local delegate, State Branch and or emailed / faxed to the RTBU National Office. Copies of company newsletters, notes taken by you or individual members from Company held meetings etc should all be sent in. Even if we get the same information numerous times, that's better than not getting it at all, so you should assume we have not seen it nor do we know about it, and send it through.

Do not assume or expect that someone else has sent it to us.

I ask that you continue to support your Delegate and offer to assist them when needed as they represent you and your Union prior to, during and following the Campaign.

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If you would like to receive future information to your personal home email please email Bob Hayden at rhayden@rtbu-nat.asn.au with your name, your location, your classification and your email address and you will be added to the email list.

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