

2010 RAILCORP UNION COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

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*Campaigning for a fair deal
We all deserve better!*

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DAYS UNTIL AGREEMENT HAS TO BE REACHED: 52

RailCorp Fiddles While Public Transport Burns

Despite repeated requests to commence meaningful negotiations on your EBA, RailCorp has yet to commence bargaining.

With the current agreement due to expire in just six weeks, the response from RailCorp has been that they are unable to bargain because of the NSW Government wages policy.

RailCorp have made it clear that the NSW Government are gagging their negotiators from having meaningful talks because of the wages policy.

This means that, despite a commitment on the part of RailCorp to negotiate six months before the current agreement expires, we are still waiting to start talking.

Government Transport Plans in Disarray

The continuing delays from RailCorp are just another example of the State Government's inability to make important decisions on public transport.

The Government's own Transport Blueprint was supposed to be released last year, but we're still waiting. While the Government delays, commuters are crowding into packed trains and buses and staff are doing their best to keep things moving. It is the workforce who is bearing the brunt of the public's understandable frustration.

The claim which the combined unions are waiting to put to RailCorp is a responsible one – that rewards increased productivity while seeking to

end the damaging cycle of outsourcing and contracting out that has compromised the quality of public transport.

The clear message from the Government and Railcorp is that they are not interested in improving the rail network, all they are interested in is cost cutting.

Negotiating Committee Lodging Papers Fair Work Australia Today

RailCorp has an opportunity to start addressing the problems of the Rail network through these negotiations. If RailCorp and the Government continue to refuse to talk to its workers it will be up to our members to once again save public transport from the bureaucrats and bean counters in Government.

For these reasons the joint union negotiating committee, through Unions NSW, has today lodged papers in the Fair Work Australia in an attempt to force Railcorp to the table to negotiate in good faith.

We hope this action will get talks going and give us a chance to put forward our plans for a better rail system, before our agreement expires at the end of March.

