



# NSW TRAINS

## NEW INNER-CITY FLEET UPDATE

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To: All NSW TRAINS - INTERCITY TRAIN CREW MEMBERS

### **New InterCity Fleet (NIF) Discussions to Commence**

Members are advised that the RTBU Senior Officials met with NSW Trains today for an initial discussion on the consultative process for the proposed New Intercity Fleet (NIF train) to be purchased by the Government to replace the existing "V" Sets and allow the OSCAR trains to be reallocated to suburban train operations.

Members will also be aware from tender documents already in the public domain that a contract is to be awarded for this train in the third quarter 2016. Building will then commence and trains will be delivered from 2019 with the final trains to be delivered in 2022.

It was explained that NSW Trains were considering various operating models for the NIF train that could potentially change the traditional roles of both the driver and guard and their associated duties for which NSW Trains could not expand upon at this point in time. NSW Trains emphasised that no final / formal decision had been made on the operational mode for the NIF.

As a part of the train consultation, NSW Trains will also seek to raise Clause 12 reform initiatives with a view to finalising these as well before the current EA expires in 2017.

Further discussions are planned to occur with all delegates at a date to be confirmed and following this, working parties will be established to identify the various safeworking and industrial issues that may arise regarding any changes to the current duties of train crew in NSW Trains.

It must be pointed out that the RTBU does not support a move away from the current train crewing arrangements.

**Unless you hear it and or see it in writing from the union, it is probably a rumour.**