

SYDNEY & NSW TRAINS - IMPORTANT UPDATE

Thursday, January 18

IT'S HERE. FIRST ACTION STARTS FRIDAY 19 JAN

BADGE DAY: WHAT TO EXPECT

Things are really heating up. The NSW Government has refused to come to the table with an enterprise agreement that provides us with the fair conditions and wages we deserve. As a result, we've been forced to take action.

The overwhelming majority of members who voted in the protected action ballot said we want to take protected industrial action. That action starts on Friday 19 Jan with a Badge Day. From there, we'll have the overtime ban on Thursday 25th January, and a 24-hour stoppage is scheduled for Monday 29th January. The strike is still on.

RTBU members have spoken - we won't sit back and let our transport system and our wages and conditions be attacked any longer.

Negotiation update

We met today with representatives from Sydney and NSW Trains to continue negotiations for the enterprise agreement. Don't believe the media hype – we are not yet at a deal. There is still no agreement on key conditions such as Master Roster changes, job security, maintaining your travel pass value, strong redundancy provisions, fair discipline process or pay.

Another meeting is scheduled for next week on Monday 22nd January. As always, we're hopeful they'll come to that meeting prepared to negotiate a fair agreement.

Management's refusal to come to the table with a fair offer today means all actions scheduled are still going ahead as planned.

First action: Badge Day

Tomorrow's badge day is an important show of strength. It's also an important way of

talking to commuters about the importance of our fight for fair wages and conditions. Here's what you can expect to see tomorrow (Friday 19 January):

- All delegates are encouraged to wear union branded clothing;
- All members should wear the badges distributed by delegates and organisers. If you
 don't have a badge, speak to your delegate asap;
- If you're not a delegate, but still have RTBU branded apparel, you can wear it;
- Anyone wearing union branded clothing still needs to wear their PPE;
- Make sure you take a photo of yourself in your badge/union apparel and upload it to the union Facebook page, www.facebook.com/RTBUNSW
- Remember, only union members can take action. If you know someone who should join the union, ask them to contact the office on (02) 9264 2511

Stay tuned for photos from Badge Day goes and information on the next planned action – the overtime ban – shortly.

In solidarity,

Your RTBU team

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