

NSW commuters and workers deserve better

Our transport workers – and our public transport services – are under attack by the NSW Transport Minister, Andrew Constance.

After more than six months of negotiations for a new enterprise agreement to cover the approx. 9000 workers at Sydney and NSW Trains, the Transport Minister is still refusing to come to the table with an offer that provides workers with the wages and conditions they deserve.

Workers have been left with no choice but to take action. We don't want to have to go down this path, but unfortunately the Transport Minister hasn't left us with any other options.

Workers can't, and won't, sit back and let our transport services and wages and conditions be attacked any longer. Commuters and workers deserve better.

Andrew Constance has been responsible for some of our state's biggest ever transport blunders, including the timetable chaos we've seen in Sydney lately; the shambolic privatisation of Newcastle buses; the looming privatisation of Sydney's inner-west buses; the planned closure of key train lines; and now he's launched an attack on transport workers' conditions.

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What are the workers doing?

Workers have been forced to take protected industrial action after trying to negotiate fair wages and conditions for many months.

What will the action look like?

The Transport Minister can ensure we don't have to go down the path of industrial action at all by coming to the table with a fair and reasonable deal. If that doesn't happen, workers have the following actions scheduled:

- **Friday 19 January:**
Badge day - workers will be wearing union badges as a show of solidarity.
- **Thursday 25 January:**
Overtime ban - workers will be exercising their right to take their rostered days off. Given our transport workers often work large amounts of overtime, this could result in service disruptions.
- **Monday 29 January:**
24-hour stop work from 12.01am on Monday 29th Jan. That means trains won't run that day.

Why stop the trains?

We don't want to have to get to that point, but at this stage we don't have any other choice.

We chose Monday 29 January for the 24-hour stoppage so as to minimise disruption (with schools not due to start until the Tuesday) and we've given commuters as much notice as possible.

This is a last resort, and we're hopeful the Transport Minister will deliver a fair agreement before it gets to this.

We don't have the option of a fare free day on the railways (the Opal card has taken away that possibility) and we've exhausted all other options. Workers aren't taking this lightly, but the Transport Minister has forced us into this position.

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