

What's the real agenda?

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The NSW Government is preparing the ground to take the NSW rail network and break it into bite-size pieces that it can sell off to the private sector. The first step in the plan will be played out through the upcoming rail Enterprise Agreement. **Here's the play card:**

STEP 1



Release confusing staff communications **blaming the rail EA** for any problem management confronts.

STEP 2



Attempt to convince staff that **giving up their rights** is the only way the system will remain viable.

STEP 3

Ignore the public's strong views that public transport must remain in public hands.

59% think privatisation is a bad idea



(Essential Report Jan 28 2014)

STEP 4

Tell us we **have to choose** between **funding rail** or **funding hospitals**.



STEP 5

Develop a set of **weasel words** like "better aligned" and "customer needs and expectations" and "21st century working arrangements" as code for **cutting conditions** and **undermining job security**.



STEP 6

Cut **staff** and **services** under the guise of 'reform'. Cuts to date include:



STEP 7

Break the rail system into a series of **business units** that can be **sold off**, **outsourced** and **privatised**.



STEP 8

Walk away from public transport and **blame the private sector** operators for **increased costs**, **reduced services** and **safety risk** such as has occurred in Britain and Victoria.



Rail unions will fight this agenda to privatise the rail network. Join us at www.ourtransport.org.au



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