

18 January 2018

Mr Alex Claassens Secretary Rail Tram and Bus Union NSW Level 4. 321 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000 Via email - aclaassens@rtbu-nsw.asn.au

Dear Mr Claassens,

## **Solidarity with NSW & Sydney Train Members**

I write to express the support and solidarity of UnionsACT and the Canberra union movement for your members taking industrial action following Sydney and NSW Trains management's refusal to negotiate a fair collective agreement.

We note the strong support for industrial action from members in both NSW Trains and Sydney Trains, with bans and work stoppages receiving overwhelming support.

The fact that your members are forced to take industrial action, against an arrogant and out-of-touch conservative state government, demonstrates that our workplace laws are broken. The lack of respect shown by the Liberal NSW Government towards your members, and their desire to privatise the transport system, demonstrates why it is so important to have an effective, powerful union.

Please pass on to your Committee of Management the strong support from UnionsACT for your members' industrial action and your efforts to secure a collective agreement.

UnionsACT is determined to support your efforts if we can, so please contact me if there is anything you believe we can do.

Yours in union

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