

## Form 73A – Notice of WHS dispute

Work Health and Safety Act 2011, section 102B

  
 INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR  
 17 NOV 2021  
  
 QUEENSLAND

**NOTICE** is hereby given under section 102B of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* to deal with a dispute.

### BETWEEN

Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union of Employees, Queensland Branch

v

Brisbane City Council T/A Transport for Brisbane

### 1. Particulars of party making application to deal with the dispute

<b>Name:</b>	Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union of Employees, Queensland Branch		
<b>Phone number:</b>	07 3839 4988	<b>Fax number:</b>	
<b>Mobile number:</b>			
<b>Email address:</b>	industrial@rtbu.com.au		
<b>Name of contact person:</b>	Lucas Kennedy		
<b>Direct phone number of contact person:</b>	07 3839 4988	<b>Mobile number:</b>	
<b>Email address of contact person:</b>	lucas.kennedy@rtbu.com.au		

**Workplace where dispute exists***1000 character limit. (Note: If more than 1000 characters are required please attach a schedule)*

All BCC Bus Depots across Brisbane.  
 Willawong  
 Garden city  
 Sherwood  
 Carina  
 Eagle farm  
 Virginia  
 Toowoong

**WHS matter subject of the dispute***(must include sufficient detail) 1000 character limit. (Note: If more than 1000 characters are required please attach a schedule)*


BCC have decided to use front door boarding on the buses and have made the front seat of the bus available for patrons to sit in. This does not comply with social distancing directives still in place in QLD and exposes Bus Drivers to an unnecessary risk of catching Covid-19

Is a decision made by an inspector to exercise, or not to exercise, compliance powers under part 10 to assist in resolving the dispute subject to review under part 12?  YES  NO

**Particulars of the other party/parties to the dispute**

<b>Organisation:</b>	Brisbane City Council T/A Transport for Brisbane		
<b>Phone number:</b>		<b>Fax number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>			
<b>Name of contact person:</b>	Geoffrey Beck		
<b>Direct phone number of contact person:</b>	07 3403 7885	<b>Mobile number:</b>	
<b>Direct email address of contact person:</b>	Geoffrey.Beck@brisbane.qld.gov.au		

**Signature of person notifying the dispute**

<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Peter Allen
<b>Position/Capacity:</b>	Secretary, Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union, Queensland Branch
<b>Date:</b>	17 / 11 / 2021

**Work Health and Safety Act 2011**  
**Complaint about a Work Health and Safety or Electrical Safety Issue**  
**Date: 15/11/2021, Ref 58193**



**Details of person making complaint**

Reporter: **MR CHRIS VICKARS**

Telephone: **0433854610**

Email: **SERIOUSLYINDIVIDUAL@HOTMAIL.COM**

Relationship to the workplace: **HEALTH AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE**

Postal address: **co/- RTBU  
1/457 UPPER EDWARD STREET ST  
SPRING HILL 4000 QLD  
AUSTRALIA**

**Questions answered before complaint submission**

Question	Answer	Special Notes
Do you approve Workplace Health and Safety Queensland or Electrical Safety Office raising the issue with the relevant parties?	Yes	
Do you approve Workplace Health and Safety Queensland or Electrical Safety Office making the parties aware that the issue has been raised by you?	Yes	

**Details of business or undertaking directly associated with the Work Health and Safety or Electrical Safety Issues**

Legal name: **BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL**  
Trading name: **TRANSPORT FOR BRISBANE**  
Business Address: **Brisbane Square  
266 GEORGE STREET ST  
BRISBANE 4000 QLD**

ABN:  
ACN:  
Telephone:  
Mobile:  
Email:

**Details of Issues**

Address where issue identified: **All BCC Bus depots  
VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
BRISBANE 4000 QLD**

Issue location description: **All BCC Bus Depots across Brisbane.  
Willawong  
Garden city  
Sherwood  
Carina  
Eagle farm  
Virginia  
Toowoong**

Date aware of the issue: **12-Nov-2021**

Date issue last apparent: **15-Nov-2021**

Description of issue: **BCC have decided to use front door boarding on the buses and have made the front seat of the bus available for patrons to sit in. This does not comply with social distancing directives still in place in QLD and exposes Bus Drivers to an unnecessary risk of catching Covid-19**

Issue raised with person conducting the business or undertaking directly: **Yes**

Outcome from raising the issue with the workplace: **They refuse to change their mind**

**HSR details**

Workplace has HSR: **Yes**

Issue Raised with HSR: **Yes**

HSR Details: **MR CHRIS VICKARS**

HSR Actions: **The RTBU notified BCC via email on Friday as soon as they became aware of the problem. BCC responded that afternoon to say they were not changing their mind or putting appropriate measures in place to protect bus drivers.**

**Other agency or person details**

Other agencies involved in resolving the issue: **No**

Any other person conducting businesses or undertakings involved in resolving the issue: **No**