

## Form 73A – Notice of WHS dispute

Work Health and Safety Act 2011, section 102B



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, Queensland Branch

v

Queensland Rail Transit Authority t/a Queensland Rail

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

<b>Name:</b>	Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union, Queensland Branch		
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<b>Name of contact person:</b>	Lucas Kennedy		
<b>Direct phone number of contact person:</b>	073839 4988	<b>Mobile number:</b>	
<b>Email address of contact person:</b>	industrial@rtbu.com.au		

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

Queensland Rail's Network Operations North District (Railways, Sidings and Communication Towers), North Queensland.  
 (Townsville - Bohle QR Supply Chain North Depot- Telecommunications Section)

**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)*


1. Due to a variety of operational changes since 2014 (resignations and retirements), Queensland Rail's cable joiner and rigger team in the Bohle Supply Chain North Depot have been left critically undermanned. 2. This team is responsible for the proper maintenance and installation of a variety of telecommunication systems that underpin the safety systems used by other Queensland Rail employees, and other Rail Operators. 3. This includes the vital Automatic Train Protection System which prevents serious safety incidents from occurring involving locomotives and rollingstock. 4. Consequently, due to the under-resourcing, the cable joiner and rigger team are unable to safely carry out these vital works in a safe manner. 5. Safety issues that are present include the inability to properly carry out working at heights processes safely, an inability to properly manage fatigue, and a general inability to properly maintain the communications network.

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>	Queensland Rail Transit Authority t/a Queensland Rail		
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**Signature of person notifying the dispute**

<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Lucas Kennedy
<b>Position/Capacity:</b>	Industrial & WHS Officer
<b>Date:</b>	30 / 06 / 22