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DEAD MEAT ON THE BANKSTOWN METRO LINE?

Some questions regarding the Minns & Warne Bogus Deal about the T3 Bankstown Line Metro Conversion

- 1. What is going to stop the Minns or another NSW Government welching on the deal to have a staff member on every Metro Train on the line? It will take two years or so for the Metro Conversion to be completed and by then the public and commuters would have forgotten the agreement. Until the latest Sparks Sept. - Oct. came out and circulated around traps in the railways, the RTBU officials were completely silent on taking industrial action to oppose the Metro Conversion. They just occasionally talked about opposition to the Metro Conversion to the Media. A secret deal involving the RTBU officials and Unions NSW would have been made years ago okaying the Metro Conversion. Warne would never have had any intention of seriously opposing the Metro conversion. For the timetable changes and line closure commencing from 30/9/24 to occur, the union officials and ALP Godfathers must have okayed it well in advance.**
- 2. The staff member on each Train on the Metro line will have no industrial muscle due to the automation. How will they industrially defend their jobs if this welching on the deal occurs? Unlike particularly train crews and platform staff on the existing heavy rail with the guard having a more important role in safe working than the driver on the train.**
- 3. Is this deal completely bogus and a sleight of hand like the N.I.F. Deed between previous RTBU NSW Secretary Alex Claassens and former NSW Liberal Premier Dominic Perrottet? It did not provide for a functioning Guard's compartment on the NIF. Despite lies spread in the media that the N.I.F. would have a functioning Guard's Compartment. Claassens and now Current RTBU NSW Secretary Toby Mr Pinocchio Warne have refused to put the Deed on the RTBU web site and social media because of its bogus character. Entailing bribing the guard on the NIF with a \$14,000 lump sum to admire the scenery in the non-functioning guard's compartment for four years! Then a trip to the dole queue.**
- 4. The Duplicity of Warne and the other union officials with this Campaign over the Bankstown line closure and Metro Conversion shows they can't be trusted running the NSW Rail EBA campaign. Establish grass roots committees to seize the driver's seat of the campaign to achieve the Real Demands.**
- 5. Heavy Rail for the Bankstown Line!**