Australia's rail industry Submission 2

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing this submission due to my concerns of the loss of employment for Australians in the Rail Industry across our great nation..

My name is Andrew Peach, I am 47 years of age with a trade certificate in the Electrical Field employed in the rail maintenance Industry. I live in the Penrith area of N.S.W.

As an Apprentice of the 1980's there was many apprenticeships but for the 21st century and in particularly the year 2016 I am not impressed with the numbers of apprentices that are being employed to replace the tradespeople that are retiring we are facing a siphon of knowledge to the grim reaper due to lack of knowledge interaction from experience to youth before they pass away.

My submission in particular is about Rail Manufacturing Australia we as Australians need to focus on the young people of Australia and continuing Australian Trades for the Youth of Australia.

My role at this point in time is a Maintenance Technician at Auburn N.S.W. for the Waratah Train Fleet. I am watching the current State Government of N.S.W. showing disdain for employment in N.S.W. and particular in the Hunter region where Companies have sent up operations to Manufacture Rail stock in this region in a large operative capacity , with company names like Downer EDI and UGL.

The Hunter region is suffering badly due to the loss of their shipbuilding manufacturing and associated businesses.

At the Auburn Maintenance Centre the company has employed people from the Newcastle, Bathurst and Melbourne (Victoria) area's due to no employable positions in their local areas that they have setup grown homes/families to live in which they have been employed in the past.

I am also recommending that the great work by the Victorian Government for long time rail projects should be recognised for all states of Australia for the needs of employment, taxes, community needs of the people of Australia.

In N.S.W. the Government has a project for intercity rolling stock fleet that is worth just under \$4 billion dollars this project is needed for Australian workers and their families.

Australian projects for Australian Workers and their families.

I am an A.M.W.U. Delegate who represents many members, I request real consultation with members of Parliament for the needs Australian families, communities and the day to day economics of working families.

I am looking forward to your Reply

Regards

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