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MEDIA RELEASE

Public Rail Services at Risk It's the Responsibility of our Government to keep commuters safe!

The Our Queensland, Our Future Campaign has launched a new video about what the State Government has in store for public passenger rail services and the news for commuters may not good!

Although the State Government say at this stage they will not sell off Queensland Rail (QR), they have without waring or consultation dramatically changed the status of employment conditions for QR workers, may contract out passenger rail services and the maintenance of the network.

Technically Queensland taxpayers will still own the tracks and rolling stock but behind the scenes the State Government are gearing up to outsource and sell off services, assets and the workforce.

Secretary of The Services Union Kath Nelson said all we may be left with is the shell of a train service.

"Buildings and assets don't provide services, people do. Just like what has occurred in Victoria, privatisation may only lead to higher prices and less reliable services," Ms Nelson said.

'It may also mean potential higher ticket prices, less frequent trains, lower maintenance standards, less accountability when things go wrong and most importantly not enough guards to keep the community safe.'

"One only has to search 'train attacks Melbourne' on the internet to read first-hand the spate of almost daily commuter attacks both physically and verbally to see the horrendous result of the Victorian privatisation experience."

"Commuters deserve to feel safe on our trains," Ms Nelson said.

"It's the State Government's responsibility to ensure Queenslanders have a safe, fast, reliable and affordable transport service; a service relied on every day!"

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