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## Queensland Rail Management Needs To Quit Big Spends

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The revelations in the media that senior executives in Queensland Rail have spent up big on luxury items including exclusive dining and travel have shocked members of The Services Union.

Trips overseas, meals at top restaurants, and the purchase of personal items by senior management does not reflect the environment that most employees of Queensland Rail work in.

In comparison, the average Queensland Rail employee goes to work each day trying to play their part in providing an essential transport service to a large number of Queenslanders.

Secretary of The Services Union Kath Nelson said workers at Queensland Rail do this within tight financial constrictions.

"Requests for additional resources and sometimes extra staff to do that job effectively are regularly knocked back by management who claim that 'money is tight', Ms Nelson said.

"The news that senior management have had a history of being out and about spending up big will distress many of our members at Queensland Rail."

"At a time when the State Government has cut back on its funding to Queensland Rail in its budget, and initiatives are being introduced to reduce staffing levels by approximately 550 employees, many employees and members would be wondering where the fairness is."

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"Senior management appear to have been prepared to operate to one set of values, whilst imposing a different set on those employees below them."

"The Services Union is watching what is happening at Queensland Rail very closely and would expect that in the future senior management is seen to practise what it preaches to our members" Ms Nelson said.

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