

STARTRACK UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2021

STARTRACK STUNT TO TRY TO STOP STRIKE ACTION

STARTRACK'S CLAIM

On Sunday night StarTrack management made an application to the Fair Work Commission (FWC) to stop the protected industrial action notified for this Thursday. Management claims the action will endanger lives by stopping the supply of urgent medical supplies and vaccines. At no point during the months-long process has Star Track raised this as a concern.

THE FACTS

This application is nothing more than a cynical stunt. The TWU has stated publicly all week that contingency plans are always made to ensure urgent medical supplies will be transported through any industrial action.

This for example happened during the recent Toll strike, and if required would happen during the StarTrack strike. This position was discussed and endorsed by delegates at the most recent national delegates' meeting. **StarTrack management know this.**

We have now also written to StarTrack confirming this position again. It should immediately withdraw its application and instead work with union delegates to cooperatively ensure urgent medical supplies are transported.

WHY IS STARTRACK DOING THIS?

An application like this isn't about medical supplies, it's a tactic to try and stop the action and confuse members about whether it is going ahead. The action is going ahead. If this changes due to this application, members will be advised by the union. Management may try to spread misinformation about this. If you are told by management that the action has been stopped report it to your delegate and organiser immediately.

In the meantime, management should spend less times on stunts and more time working with the member-led bargaining team to resolve the outstanding claims. The workforce of StarTrack deserves more respect and so do these important claim items.



