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STATEMENT

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RAIL UNION BALLOT

I urge the union bosses to put the needs of Sydney Trains customers first before unnecessary strike action.

Sydney Trains will continue to negotiate in good faith despite union bosses' demands for a 24% pay rise.

The Government will agree to a pay rise for train drivers in accordance with the wages policy – a policy that applies to teachers, nurses, police and all public sector employees.

Sydney Trains has 9,550 award staff of which only 3007 voted for strike action.

Even amongst RTBU members only 48% voted for strikes – this is not the clear-cut majority that union bosses were hoping for.

Again, I want to thank the drivers, customer service personnel and all the staff at Sydney Trains, for the dedicated work they do for our customers.

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