**MEDIA AERT**

2 November 2018

**Maritime Union calls on NRMA to deal fairly with Fast Ferry workers**

Fast Ferry workers on Sydney harbor are protesting at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the NRMA today after the association failed to provide guarantees the workers could negotiate fair employment conditions at the NRMA’s subsidiary, Noorton Pty Ltd.

MUA Sydney Branch Secretary, Paul McAleer said the board of NRMA was not supporting workers and refused to reach agreement with the union to protect the workers employment conditions and occupational health and safety.

“We are protesting today at the AGM to let NRMA members know the board is prepared to see workers ripped off and their safety put at risk.

“MUA members are very frustrated - this is the first action in what could escalate into industrial action in the next few weeks.

“The NRMA needs to listen to the workers and negotiate a fair agreement that doesn’t see wages and conditions stripped back and the safety of the ferries put at risk.

“The union has met with the NRMA Group CEO Rohan Lund in recent days and he refused to come to agreement with us on treating the workers with decency and respect,” Mr McAleer said.

**MEDIA ALERT: 9:30 am Friday 2 November 2018**

**Who: Paul McAleer MUA Sydney Branch and Fast Ferry workers**

**Where: NRMA AGM - Novotel Sydney Olympic Park, 11 Olympic Blvd, Sydney Olympic Park**

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