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JOB KEEPER PAYMENT

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\$1,500 WAGE SUBSIDY SECURED FOR WORKERS AFTER TWU-LED CAMPAIGN.

After a fortnight of relentless campaigning from the TWU, transport workers and then the broader union movement, the Morrison Government has been forced to step up and fund subsidies to companies to cover the wages of stood down employees.

The Government will now pay a flat **\$1,500 per worker subsidy** to businesses impacted by COVID-19 who retain workers during the crisis. The Job Keeper payment will be paid to all full-time, part-time, sole-traders and ongoing casual employees (12 months or more of service) through your employer's payroll.

This will mean that the majority of thousands of aviation workers will no longer have to rely on Centrelink Job Seeker payments to get through this period.

This plan isn't perfect.

For some the payment will fall below income levels.

We are particularly concerned that workers' superannuation payments will stop during this payment.

So the fight continues to recredit superannuation and any leave that has to be used during this period, and for no casual to be left behind.

But make no mistake, this win is a significant step forward in proper protections to see transport workers through this dark period.

Congratulations to every member who in the last two weeks while under huge personal pressure has stood up and fought for wage subsidies.

As far back as March 15th the TWU wrote to the Government calling for a wage subsidy. Each petition and poll you completed, each personal story and experience you shared made a difference. The daily media events, letters, calls, lobbying meetings with employers, employer associations and the government you have been involved in won, this reversal of position from the Government.

Together we have been fighting non-stop for this outcome. Being union matters.

We will continue to update you as we get more information. **Spread the word** and make sure everyone you know is a union member and has access to updates and protections. The fight for the rest of our demands goes on.

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER.

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