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National Secretary
Michael Kaine

Premier Gladys Berejiklian

Dear Premier,

April 19, 2020

We write to you urgently regarding the plight of 16,000 workers whose jobs at Virgin Australia are under serious threat.

Many of these workers have been with the company for several years and have made lifelong friendships and even family connections through Virgin. Their lives and livelihoods are inextricably linked to the fate of the airline. We know there are many thousands of other workers and families who depend on Virgin indirectly.

This is a very uncertain time for Virgin workers. While all of Australia is experiencing the stresses of altered life, with many people stood down from their jobs, the anxiety among Virgin staff is heightened given the airline's difficulties and the fact that they worsen in a very public way on a daily basis. We ask that you consider these workers and to examine if your state's capacity to give them and their families the certainty they need about their future.

We believe it is also in the interest of the travelling public that Virgin remains a viable airline to ensure an efficient, reliable service right across Australia. A monopoly by one airline after this crisis ends will hamper the nation's ability to restart and get back to where it was.

We ask that you read the attached letter from one of our Virgin members, Lucas Taylor, who has worked at Sydney Airport for the past 15 years and who has a message for you from his colleagues about their concerns for the future of their jobs.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Richard Olsen
TWU NSW Branch Secretary

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Michael Kaine
TWU National Secretary