

# **\$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 fortnightly \$1500 per worker subsidy to businesses impacted by corona virus 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 means stood down 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. It is outrageous this payment is taxed.

The fight goes on to ensure every single worker that needs access to the Job Keeper payment will be able to access it regardless of employment type or visa status. We fight to recredit superannuation and any leave that has to be used during this period. And we fight side by side to protect as many transport jobs as possible during this period and to ensure you see the good times from your companies at the other end of this pandemic.

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. 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.**

If your hours have been cut, you have been stood down or contracts broken please speak to your delegate or official. We are working to push all impacted transport companies on to this system, and also stop some companies from unfairly using this as an excuse to make cuts.

We will continue to update you as we get more information and as this Bill is tabled in parliament next week. 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.

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