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**Submission to Senate Inquiry - The future of Australia’s aviation sector, in the context of COVID-19 and conditions post pandemic**

I would like to make a submission regarding the Senate Inquiry into the future of the aviation industry and response to COVID-19.

I am an aviation worker and a member of the TWU. (Please tell them a little about yourself: job, port, how long you’ve been in the industry/company, which company or companies. If you feel comfortable, share some personal details about your family or household. Add anything here that helps them understand your position, experience and circumstances.)

I would like to highlight the following issues that have affected me throughout the aviation industry and Federal Government’s response to COVID-19:

(Delete any that don’t apply, and please add more details about how these affect you). You don’t have to use them all, pick a few that really matter or add your own.

* I was worried about my safety at work/I didn’t feel that my company was taking my safety seriously (provide examples if possible)
* I was threatened for raising safety concerns
* I was stood down for X months
* With stand downs, I’ve had to work harder/more dangerously on shifts
* My job has been outsourced
* I didn’t receive any JobKeeper (and/or JobSeeker)
* My pay dropped by X% (or household income if more than one person works in aviation)
* I had to withdraw part/all of my superannuation to pay bills
* I have maxed out credit cards/used up my savings
* I was forced to exhaust my leave entitlements
* I was denied my owed sick leave
* I’ve fallen behind on rent/mortgage payments
* I’ve had to move house/downsize
* I was forced to take redundancy to pay bills
* I’ve struggled with depression/anxiety/difficulty sleeping
* The situation has put a strain on my relationship/family
* I’ve had suicidal thoughts
* The uncertaincy in the industry has caused…
* I’m worried about pay and safety standards being forced down in the industry
* I’m concerned about the rise of insecure, casual aviation jobs
* I am unskilled in any other industry
* I am worried about having to find new work at my age
* Regional jobs like mine have been decimated
* The Federal Government has refused to help

I believe the Federal Government should: (include or remove as you wish)

* Announce a national aviation plan
* Grant AviationKeeper to all aviation workers until the industry recovers
* Make Government funding for airlines and aviation companies conditional on retaining good aviation jobs and standards
* Pressure Qantas to reinstate outsourced workers
* Hold airlines and airports to account for decent, secure aviation jobs
* Ensure all aviation workers get the same pay for the same job

Please contact me if you would like more information. (Remove if you don’t want to be contacted)

(Your details and your submission are publicly available on the Senate Inquiry page unless you request otherwise. Your request for confidentiality is up to the Committee to decide.)

Yours sincerely

Your name and contact info