

COVID CRISIS: AIRPORT WORKERS SURVEY

Over 1000 workers from aviation have revealed how covid-19 is affecting them. These workers are struggling, which is why we're calling on the Federal Government to support them with a national plan for the industry.

STAND-DOWNS

70% have been stood down



“ At the moment I'm surviving by using my annual hours which are going to be nearly finished. ”

“ I spend so much time on my phone just trying to get the latest news. Every time I get a message or notification I worry if this is the call telling me my dream job is gone and I have to start from scratch again. ”

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

 **38%** have lost all their income

29% are accessing their super

43% have had an income decline of between **20%** and **60%**

40% aren't being paid super

60% say JobKeeper is not covering their needs

“ It's been very stressful - I am struggling to pay rent, no money for food...I pay full price for my medication, I have diabetes and a heart condition. I am living in fear. ”

“ I do have some concerns about how this is all affecting us mentally, let alone my retirement which was planned for this year. Looks like I will be working for quite a while yet. ”

“ My partner who works for a different company has also been stood down so we have gone from a relatively good monthly income to little or no income. ”

COVID CRISIS: AIRPORT WORKERS SURVEY

CONCERNS FOR JOBS AND FUTURES

 **67%** are worried about losing their jobs

48% are worried about supporting their families

20% worried they won't be able to stay in their house

“ *I live alone, and I feel vulnerable. I keep thinking of all the bills that will come in that I won't be able to pay if Virgin Australia goes under.* ”

“ *It's impacting my whole household because my son has been given redundancy and my tenancy manager has declined to ask my landlord for a rent reduction of \$100 so my rent would be more affordable.* ”

SAFETY

 **43%** say their employers haven't taken appropriate measures against COVID-19

 **Only 22%** were consulted on risk and safety.

 **Only 13%** received COVID specific training.

“ *I feel I have to look out for myself (and my crew) as I do not feel that my company will. It's easy to feel on your own when it comes to facing this in our work environment. **It has had huge emotional stress on a lot of crew, some in tears prior to getting on board an aircraft.** If you cannot trust your employer, this makes for an unsafe and intimidating culture.* ”

“ *I live with my elderly mother. I'm **concerned that I may contract the virus from work.*** ”

“ *I've been having to change clothes as soon as we get home from work **in case of bringing contaminated clothes home,** as work doesn't supply anything to change clothes after a shift.* ”

TWU Michael Kaine **P:** 02 8114 6500 **E:** twu@twu.com.au **W:** www.twu.com.au

Authorised by Michael Kaine, National Secretary, Transport Workers' Union. Level 2, 388-390 Sussex Street, Sydney 2000 p (02) 8114 6500 e twu@twu.com.au

