



AVIATION NEWSLETTER

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It's been another huge fortnight in aviation. The fight to Save Qantas Jobs is well underway with more actions and a new campaign hub nextdoor to Scott Morrison's office. Elsewhere, Virgin bargaining commences, meetings are being held to discuss refuel redundancies, and we're demanding certainty for Dnata workers while continuing to pressure the government to act for aviation.

QANTAS ACTION AT ALAN JOYCE'S RESIDENCE

Alan Joyce has so far refused to listen to workers, so last week we appealed to him by hand-delivering a letter to his Sydney residence. There was a strong police presence from the NSW riot squad, but workers' only concern was letting the CEO know how his callous decision is affecting them. You can read the letter [here](#).

Congratulations to all the members who showed up, and huge thanks to those who volunteered but couldn't attend because of the police-sanctioned 20-person gathering limit. We'll be looking to hold more actions in the coming weeks and months, so stay tuned for how you can get involved.



THE FIGHT TO SAVE QANTAS JOBS

NATIONAL DAYS OF ACTION

The 24th and 25th of September will be **National Days of Action** (where it is covid-safe to meet). If it's not possible to join an action in person there's still plenty of opportunity to get involved. We'll provide updates on digital actions in the next few days.

JOIN THE FIGHT ONLINE

1. Stay up-to-date by following the Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/SaveQantasJobs
2. Keep posting your stories, pictures & videos on social media using the hashtag:
[#SaveQantasJobs](https://www.facebook.com/SaveQantasJobs)

NEW CAMPAIGN HUB IN CRONULLA

The TWU has opened a campaign hub next to Scott Morrison's office in Cronulla to act as a base for our Save Qantas Jobs campaign. Yesterday we opened the office, and there'll be activities happening there to keep the pressure on Scott Morrison and inform the public about Qantas' shocking treatment of workers. Watch this space for how you can get involved.





TWU TAKES QANTAS TO FAIR WORK COMMISSION BACKED BY EY & JOSH BORNSTEIN

This week, armed with the expertise and support of multinational consultancy Ernst & Young (EY) and renowned waterfront lawyer Josh Bornstein, TWU representatives met with Qantas Management to demand answers and information around the bid process. EY agreed that Qantas' timeline for workers to bid for their own jobs is unrealistic and unattainable. EY devised a list of questions and requests for documents from Qantas which we sent to the company earlier in the week.

Not only that, we've taken Qantas to the Fair Work Commission over the unfair process in which workers are being made to bid for their own jobs. Workers were given just six weeks to find a way to save \$100million in staffing costs, and \$80million in equipment upgrades – making it impossible to realistically meet.

Qantas has now agreed to an extension of the process and to provide information requested by EY. Although a step forward, we know that this process is currently unrealistic for workers.

There is a further hearing at the FWC next week and we'll continue to update you. In the meantime, we will keep working to ensure the process is fair and realistic, and continue our public fight to Save Qantas Jobs.



FIGHTING FOR JETSTAR WORKERS

The TWU has also met with Jetstar management over the outsourcing of jobs and taken the company to the Fair Work Commission over its entirely unfair treatment of workers. The case continues with a further hearing next week. We'll update members on this. In the meantime, we must all stand together in our fight to Save Qantas Jobs.

UNITED ACROSS THE QANTAS GROUP

If there's one thing we can all agree on, it's that what the Qantas Group is doing to workers is wrong. Last week, a Qantas Group delegates meeting brought over 40 delegates from QAL, QGS and Jetstar across the country together to endorse the fight to Save Qantas Jobs across the board.

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER. JOIN NOW FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

VIRGIN UPDATES

EOI AND SURVEYS

The EOI process has now been completed inclusive of VR and LWOP – speak to a delegate or official if you have any questions or need more information.

Bargaining is also commencing for both cabin crew and ground services. We must stand stronger than ever to show the new owners that Virgin workers are what make this company great. Please join your bargaining meeting next week to discuss the process and have your input to our log of claims.

Cabin crew meeting:

**Monday 21 September,
3pm AEST**

Register: bit.ly/Virgincc2109

Ground crew meeting:

**Tuesday 22 September,
4pm AEST**

Register: bit.ly/VirginMeeting2209

FAREWELL

It's Virgin 2.0 that's taking to the skies now, and while it's a positive outcome, it does mean that some incredible Virgin delegates and members have chosen to move on. Thank you for all of your hard work over the years, and we wish you good luck wherever the future takes you. We hope our paths will cross again.



Mark Velasquez, Melbourne-based Cabin Supervisor, almost 10 years of service

DNATA CATERING UPDATES

We will be meeting with Dnata next Monday to get answers on the future for workers. This will involve a demand for forecasting of work for the next 12 to 24 months as well as number of surplus workers, and a dispute will be lodged if Dnata continues to ignore these demands. Workers must have certainty about their futures in the industry.

In the meantime, we continue to push the government to implement AviationKeeper and a national plan for aviation.



“When I was a little kid, I met people who worked in Qantas Catering and they always had a little treat for me. They’re decent people who have spent decades working for the same company, and what changed for them was not their job, not the fact that they’re Australian taxpayers, not the fact that they live in Scott Morrison’s electorate. Nothing changed except for the ownership of their company, which they’ve got no control over. And because of that, they’ve been denied JobKeeper” – Labor MP Tanya Plibersek

REFUEL REDUNDANCIES

Refuel workers around the country are facing redundancy, and meetings are continuing to get the best outcomes for members during this process. As always, contact your official or state branch for more information or assistance.

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