



# AVIATION NEWSLETTER

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## THE FIGHT IS ON FOR AVIATIONKEEPER

Aviation workers have begun overwhelmingly endorsing Aviation Keeper at meetings across the sectors. With international borders remaining closed for the foreseeable future, we know the aviation industry will be one of the last industry's to recover from the pandemic. That's why we're pushing for specific support from the Australian government, for our essential industry.

As one united industry, we're fighting for an AviationKeeper system for ALL aviation workers, to continue past September, when the JobKeeper program is due to end. The AviationKeeper system should address all of the failings of JobKeeper, including being paid on time and fairly, and only to be phased out as skies and borders reopen.

We're writing to companies to get them on board and continuing our government lobbying, using the momentum we have gained through members' persistent calls and emails, protests and media events.

### AVIATIONKEEPER BRIEFINGS

We're holding briefings via Zoom to discuss the AviationKeeper plan, why it's so important and answer any questions you may have. This is a great opportunity to engage with the plan and have your say. So far, we have held two meetings with Virgin and Dnata members, who overwhelmingly endorsed the AviationKeeper fight. If you weren't able to join your meeting, we'll send out an FAQ sheet next week based on questions that were raised during the meetings.

If your briefing hasn't taken place yet, register for it below:

**QAL – Mon 22nd 2pmEST [bit.ly/Qantas2206](https://bit.ly/Qantas2206)**

**Jetstar – Tues 23rd 4pmEST [bit.ly/Jetstar2306](https://bit.ly/Jetstar2306)**

**QGS – Wed 24th 4pmEST [bit.ly/QGS2406](https://bit.ly/QGS2406)**

**All other aviation members – Mon 22nd 4pmEST [bit.ly/Aviation2206](https://bit.ly/Aviation2206)**



**Sign the petition to call for AviationKeeper and share it far and wide. We need to show the Morrison Government that this is a critical issue as they make their plans for the country's economic recovery.**

**Sign and share the petition: [bit.ly/AviationKeeperPetition](https://bit.ly/AviationKeeperPetition)**



### VIRGIN UPDATES: THE TWO BIDDERS

Binding bids for Virgin from Cyrus Capital and Bain will be submitted on Monday. We'll be looking in detail at the bids and providing more information as it's available. The administrator could decide on which bid it recommends by the end of next week.

This week TWU National Secretary Michael Kaine and ACTU President Michele O'Neil met Deputy PM and Minister for Transport Michael McCormack to push the Government to support Virgin and implement AviationKeeper payments to workers. Virgin delegates and senior officials are working hard to get the best outcome in this process and we'll continue to provide updates.

# CONGRATULATIONS ON A DIFFICULT FIGHT

This week, workers from companies like Dnata and Cabin Services Australia were let down again by the Morrison Government and One Nation, who voted against JobKeeper payments for all excluded aviation workers. The vote was tied, after workers put in a tremendous effort with thousands of calls and emails to politicians. In the end, we were just one vote short.

But that doesn't diminish the incredible work done by those who stood up and fought to be included in JobKeeper. Congratulations to each and every one of you for bravely sharing your stories - without the efforts you put in, the vote would not have been nearly as close. You won the full support of Labor, Greens, Centre Alliance and Jacqui Lambie. And you made sure the media and the public were watching when Pauline Hanson let us down.

Now, we fight on. As one united industry, we'll be pushing for AviationKeeper - a payment system for all aviation workers now and until our industry returns to health.

We understand this is a difficult time for many of our members. Please speak to your delegate or official if you need support.



## ACCC MONITORING COMPETITION IN AIRLINES

Over the past few weeks we've been advocating a national plan for the aviation industry, with a two-airline model to avoid a monopoly in our skies, which would ultimately hurt all aviation workers and the Australian public. The ACCC's announcement on Friday that they will closely monitor the conduct in the aviation sector to ensure fair competition will help ensure aviation can return to full strength when borders re-open. We are progressing. We must continue the fight to keep the air fair.

## QANTAS MANAGEMENT UP TO THEIR OLD TRICKS

Whether it be unfair rostering at QAL, unjust implementation of JobKeeper payments at QGS or incorrect and late payments of JobKeeper at Jetstar (or a combination of all three everywhere), one thing has stayed consistent – the ability of Qantas Group management to mistreat its workforce. Rest assured that the TWU is investigating all of these issues and seeking legal advice. We will keep you updated. Congratulations to the delegates and members who secured an originally promised 6 weeks of work when Qantas tried to change their minds.

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