



# QANTAS NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT WE'RE DOING TO SAVE QANTAS JOBS

This year aviation went into nosedive, and callous Qantas executives have ensured workers bear the brunt. But together, we have stood up and stood strong against corporate bastardry. It's important to remember all that we've achieved and how powerful we can be if we keep pushing forward as one almighty force.

### WORKER WINS:

- > We fought for and won a government wage subsidy for stood down workers
- > We fought and won to have the subsidy extended
- > We fought and won against Qantas' abuses of JobKeeper, and will fight their appeal
- > We exposed Qantas' safety breaches and threatening of workers raising safety concerns
- > We have made thousands of Australians aware of Qantas' appalling behaviour through national protests
- > We have gained the support of numerous politicians from all parties to save Qantas jobs
- > We've achieved an extension to Qantas' bid process
- > We continue to fight on the ground week by week to pressure Qantas to retain its workers

Congratulations to everyone for keeping up the fight throughout a distressing few months.

It's crucial we keep the pressure on. Here are more ways you can get involved:

### SHOW UP!

- > A delegation of workers will go to Parliament House, Canberra for Senate sitting week 9th November. Get in touch with your branch if you want to join.
- > Join our National Day of Action on 16th November – Qantas' 100th anniversary. Mark it in your diary. Your branch will be in touch with details.
- > Contact your branch to volunteer to join meetings with politicians
- > If you can't attend any of these actions in person, make sure you're sharing photos and videos online.

### SPEAK UP!

- > Share your story in a video for social media and post using [#SaveQantasJobs](#) or submit to [media@twu.com.au](mailto:media@twu.com.au)
- > Volunteer as a media spokesperson
- > Share our landing page and petition with your family and friends: [www.saveqantasjobs.com.au](http://www.saveqantasjobs.com.au)
- > Follow our campaign Facebook page and share the posts: [www.facebook.com/SaveQJobs](https://www.facebook.com/SaveQJobs)
- > Let us know if you're on Twitter so we can create a storm of Tweets at politicians and the Qantas board – email [media@twu.com.au](mailto:media@twu.com.au)
- > Email your MP using our easy tool on [www.saveqantasjobs.com.au](http://www.saveqantasjobs.com.au)

### RISE UP!

- > There is nothing more important than encouraging your co-workers to stay strong and keep fighting. When your mates are struggling, help them to realise what we can achieve when we stick together.
- > Be an advocate for workers when Qantas management tries its best to stop us from campaigning. They are fighting hard and so must we.
- > Make sure your mates have joined the TWU [www.twu.com.au/join](http://www.twu.com.au/join)

**1,600**  
**MEDIA HITS**

(National reports on Qantas outsourcing across TV, newspapers, digital and radio)

**800,000**  
**PEOPLE REACHED ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

(the amount of people who've seen posts about Qantas outsourcing)



**TURN OVER FOR CALENDAR OF CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY**



# SAVE QANTAS JOBS CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY



## 25 Aug

- Qantas announces plans to outsource all 2,500 ground and fleet presentation workers.
- TWU launches petition for Alan Joyce to resign.

## 26 Aug

- Delegates across QAL, QGS and Jetstar meet to plan the way forward.
- TWU and other unions take Qantas to court for abusing JobKeeper.

## 27 Aug

Qantas workers protest at Sydney, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane airports & join a digital picket in Vic and Queensland.

## 3 Sep

- Qantas workers protest at Darwin airport and Parliament House and meet politicians.
- TWU files dispute in FWC over unfair bidding process.

## 5 Sep

Save Qantas Jobs campaign Facebook page launched.

## 8 Sep

Media reveals documents showing Qantas outsourcing was planned 10 years ago.

## 11 Sep

Qantas workers deliver letter to Joyce's residence.



## 14 Sep

TWU engages global consultants Ernst & Young (EY) and renowned waterfront lawyer Josh Bornstein.

## 15 Sep

Qantas starts bidding war between States for Head Office location. TWU urges States to set strict conditions on Qantas jobs.

## 17 Sep

EY report claims bidding process "unrealistic & unattainable".

## 18 Sep

TWU opens Save Qantas Jobs campaign hub next door to Scott Morrison's office in Cronulla.



## 21 Sep

- Mark Butler MP meets workers.
- Worker Graham McKay on ABC 730.

## 24 Sep

Qantas workers protest at Adelaide, Darwin and Perth airports and Warren Entsch's office, Cairns.



## 24 Sep

Qantas loses case on JobKeeper abuses. Federal Court demands Qantas pay workers thousands in stolen wages.

## 25 Sep

Protests at Qantas HQ, Sydney and Luke Howarth MP office, Brisbane.



## 28 Sep

- TWU calls for government funding to come with conditions to stop the outsourcing
- Workers Nick Bennett and Elif Celik appear on ABC news.

**29 Sep**

TWU wins Facebook page back after Qantas shut it down.

**30 Sep**

TWU in Federal Court over Qantas denying terminally ill workers their sick leave.

**1 Oct**

Qantas workers deliver letters to offices of politicians Mark Speakman, Scott Morrison, Craig Kelly and David Coleman.

**7 Oct**

TWU formally complains to the Qantas board.

**14 Oct**

TWU launches campaign brand, landing page.



**15 Oct**

- Hon Martin Pritchard MLC condemns Qantas outsourcing in speech to WA legislative Council.
- TWU holds an aviation summit with politicians, unions and industry stakeholders.

**16 Oct**

Qantas workers meet with Shadow Treasurer Jim Chalmers



**17 Oct**

ALP politicians in Victoria State Parliament sign a pledge supporting Qantas workers.



**19 Oct**

Matt Thistlethwaite MP delivers speech supporting Qantas workers in Federal Parliament.

**21 Oct**

Unprecedented NSW Parliament motion condemns Qantas outsourcing.



**22 Oct**

Following weeks of FWC hearings, Qantas grants workers extension to 16th Nov to submit bid.

**23 Oct**

TWU stages 'alternative Qantas AGM' with workers asking questions to 'Alan Joyce' actor and zipped Qantas board.



**27 Oct**

TWU launches Google advertising campaign and email your MP tool on campaign landing page.

**27 Oct**

TWU launches social media advertising campaign in key electorates to put pressure on government.

**29 Oct**

- Matt Thistlethwaite MP questions Prime Minister on subsidising private jets and allowing Qantas outsourcing
- Shadow Treasurer Jim Chalmers speaks out for Qantas workers in Canberra.

**UPCOMING DATES**

**9 NOV**

> Delegation of Qantas workers to meet politicians at Parliament House

**16 NOV**

> National day of action on Qantas 100th anniversary

**16 NOV**

> Deadline for workers to submit bid

**WE MUST KEEP UP THIS FIGHT ON THE GROUND FOR QANTAS JOBS, A NATIONAL PLAN FOR AVIATION AND A SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE STATE OF AVIATION FOLLOWING COVID-19.**

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