



# AVIATION NEWSLETTER

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We've spent months calling for the Federal Government to come forward with a national plan for aviation, as well as support those from Dnata with JobKeeper. Instead, it's been revealed that the Federal Government has provided financial assistance for billionaires and their private jets, while aviation workers suffer. This is an absolute disgrace, and we will continue to call out the government's shameful behaviour while demanding a Senate Inquiry into the aviation response to coronavirus.



## AVIATION NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION 16 NOV

**It's time for all aviation workers to come together again and demand support for our industry.**

The centenary anniversary of Qantas is an important day for everyone in aviation. It's a time to remind industry stakeholders and the government what a crucial industry this is for Australia, and how important it is to ensure workers are supported so that when Australia is ready to fly again, we are too.

The government must act to avoid any further job losses, and to save Qantas workers from the threat of outsourcing. It is crucial that we stand strong together right across the country.

Your branch will be in touch with details of airport protests and how else you can get involved in this important day of action.

**Note that Brisbane will be holding their action on the 15th, and Darwin on the 18th.**

## DEMANDING A SENATE INQUIRY INTO AVIATION

2020 has sent aviation into nosedive. No industry has been more heavily impacted and workers have been forced to bear the brunt of the crisis. We know that aviation will be one of the last industries to recover from the pandemic.

Next week a delegation of aviation workers will go to Parliament House in Canberra to call for a Senate Inquiry into aviation. The government must put a spotlight on our industry and investigate its response to the pandemic so far and ongoing.

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

# 100 YEARS OF QANTAS

We're putting together a video mash up of Qantas, QGS and Jetstar workers (including those who've taken redundancy) to mark the centenary. Please submit your video to [media@twu.com.au](mailto:media@twu.com.au) or text it to your organiser by 10th November. Simply film yourself or ask someone to film you saying:

- > Your name
- > How long you've worked at Qantas
- > What job you do/have done
- > Say the line:  
"We are the spirit of Australia"

## SAVE QANTAS JOBS UPDATE

The fight continues for the 2500 jobs Qantas is trying to outsource in our #SaveQantasJobs campaign. While we were successful in the Fair Work Commission in pushing out the deadline for an in-house bid to the 16th November, it has been clear from the start that this process will be challenging for workers. That's why it's so important that we keep up the pressure with actions around the country. We need Qantas to feel the pressure from the public and the government to reverse its callous decision to outsource workers in the middle of a pandemic.

If you haven't already, sign the petition and use the "email your MP" tool on our campaign website:

[www.saveqantasjobs.com.au](http://www.saveqantasjobs.com.au)  
and share it with your friends & family.

### CANBERRA DELEGATION

A group of workers will be going to Parliament House in Canberra during sitting week on Monday. We were successful in getting up a motion condemning Qantas in the Upper House of NSW Parliament, and now we're calling for the same in the Federal Parliament. Stay tuned for our FB Live on Monday.

### JOBKEEPER APPEAL

Despite a spectacular loss in the Federal Court, Qantas has appealed the decision on our JobKeeper case. This case exposed Qantas for abusing JobKeeper to pocket workers' entitlements, and the appeal shows just how far the company is willing to go to strip rights from its own workers. We'll provide updates as the appeal continues.

### OUR ALTERNATIVE AGM

The day of Qantas' AGM, we staged an "alternative" version, with workers asking questions to an "Alan Joyce" actor and zipped Qantas board. The stunt was a way to highlight the board's continued silence, as well as Joyce's callous disregard for the 2500 workers whose jobs are being outsourced.

### SWISSPORT IN THE FWC

We continue to fight for better rates and conditions at Swissport. We will this month be opposing the approval of the 2018 enterprise agreement at the Fair Work Commission after it knocked back Swissport's previous attempts to get it passed. For four long years Swissport workers have been denied a decent and fair enterprise agreement as the company tried again and again to get dodgy substandard agreements approved. At every turn we have fought them and at every turn they have failed. We want to lift standards in aviation and a bad enterprise agreement at Swissport will drag standards down. Stay tuned for updates on Swissport.



# FAREWELL TO JETSTAR MEMBERS

Around Australia now, many Jetstar workers are coming to your final days with the company. We know how unimaginably hard this year must have been for you and your families, and we recognise just how difficult it must be at this time. As we farewell some of our Jetstar members, we'd like to also congratulate all of you on your efforts at the end of 2019 and early this year. With strike actions around the country and solidarity from so many other aviation workers, it proves how important it is to stay united as an industry.

For those who are leaving, or who may have already finished up, we would like to wish you and your families all the best in the future, and hope we cross paths again.



# VIRGIN NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RECOMMENCED

Following the sacking of Virgin CEO Paul Scurrah, and his replacement by former Jetstar boss Jayne Hrdlicka, your TWU suspended negotiations with the company. Bain had assured workers and unions they would continue to work cooperatively with Paul Scurrah to implement its promises, and so it was incredibly disappointing and concerning to learn of the management change.

Though Bain still has a lot of trust to win back from workers and unions, our hard stance by suspending negotiations, as well as significant negative media attention, put pressure on the company to reconfirm its promises to workers. Bain has now re-committed to being a full-service airline, including tiered cabin classes, regional and charter flying, airport lounges and an intention to resume international flights once the global travel market recovers. This is a huge win, but it is still more important than ever to stand strong together and hold Bain to account.

# DNATA REDUNDANCIES

Redundancies have now gone out in all states for Dnata, and we are currently working through final numbers with the company. We'll be meeting shortly to discuss these with members, and we're continuing to try and ensure the best outcome for everyone.

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