

TWU DEMANDS ANSWERS

Last week Alan Joyce announced 6000 job cuts and 15000 long term stand downs across the Qantas group. There had been no prior consultation with workers or unions.

In response TWU called for an urgent meeting to discuss why Qantas - who previously stated they were in the best position to weather the storm - are now are looking at mass redundancies.



Delegates from QAL and QGS and representatives from the TWU met with Qantas management this morning.

WE DEMANDED ANSWERS ON:

- Why was Qantas prematurely cutting jobs whilst still receiving Job Keeper funding for all workers from the Government?
- Why weren't Qantas waiting until the Morrison Government's JobKeeper review - due in July - before announcing such significant cuts?
- What process had Qantas put in place to consult with workers about the significant changes to operations and potential redundancies? Could Qantas guarantee they are fair and transparent?
- Will Qantas join the rest of the industry in fighting for an 'AviationKeeper scheme' to ensure payment security beyond September?
- What provisions had Qantas made to financially support the 15000 workers they claim will be indefinitely stood down?
- Would Qantas commit to weekly meetings with the union to ensure TWU members are kept informed throughout this period?

UPDATE ON REDUNDANCIES:

Qantas has refused to hold off until after the announcement on JobKeeper and is pushing ahead with the voluntary redundancy process. From 2-17 July, Qantas will collect expressions of interest for voluntary redundancy. Qantas has said that this is non-binding, and you will not be forced to take the redundancy. The TWU will meet with Qantas to discuss redundancies after the government announcement on the JobKeeper review due at the end of July. The process will not be finalised until after the TWU meets with Qantas.

STRENGTHENING THE AVIATIONKEEPER FIGHT:

Congratulations to TWU delegates and members who have successfully pushed Qantas to commit to supporting our calls for AviationKeeper. This is a positive step to put more pressure on the government.

We hope that this is not a pre-emptive strike from Qantas that looks more like a long awaited restructure than a response to Covid-19. It was made clear that Qantas should wait until a review of JobKeeper is announced, as they could still extend funding to the aviation industry post September and save jobs.

The TWU is pushing for weekly meetings with Qantas to discuss ongoing work and operations post September. We believe that consultation, transparency, fairness and some certainty is the most important thing for workers right now. Working together to keep jobs as JobKeeper was intended is our focus, not needless redundancies.

We'll continue to update you. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your delegate or official. We know this is a difficult time, help is available: Lifeline 13 11 14 | Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

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