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# Proposed QLink closures update

Qantas management continues to rush through its supposed consultation process with the pilot and cabin crew groups over plans to close the Hobart and Canberra bases.

In these meetings the TWU has made the position clear that the overwhelming majority of pilots and crew do not want these changes, especially after being assured that bases would remain operational.

We will continue to call this move out for what it is: a short-sighted cost-cutting measure that is bad for the workforce, customers and the community.

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## If base closures were to go ahead:

**68%** of pilots would look for alternative employment, with a further **25%** undecided  
**1 in 5** would be again looking at forced relocation after already experiencing a base closure

## Here's what pilots said:

*"I will be forced to choose between my job and children. Leaving Hobart will mean no longer seeing my children."*

*"It would split my family up. My partner will not leave Canberra, and I would have to leave my son."*

*"This is my second forced move by the company. This is taking a serious toll on my marriage and home life."*

*"After the Perth closure we had two options, Canberra or Melbourne. We got Canberra, and we have rented here for three and a half years due to the uncertainty..... We finally bought a house in December 2024."*



It is clear that Qantas management is attempting to rush through this decision regardless of the strong feedback of crew. Management have given us no choice but to take our fight public.


## What we're doing

- Forced Qantas to respond publicly to the proposed base closures by putting out multiple media stories to expose concerns and educate the industry and community

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*The plans have been slammed by the Transport Workers Union, which said it showed Qantas had not changed its attitude towards workers, the travelling public and regional Australia.*

*“We’ve got pilots and crew who have uprooted their lives after the last Qantas base closures once again facing relocation across the country with their families,” TWU national secretary Michael Kaine said, referring to the 2020 closure of Qantas’s Cairns and Perth bases.*

- We have also been holding multiple discussions with members of Federal, State and Territory Parliaments across the political divide. They share our serious concerns and are working in lockstep with us to communicate with Qantas they lack of support for this decision.

Congratulations to all members stepping up and sharing their stories. We will keep you updated on the discussions as they continue.

