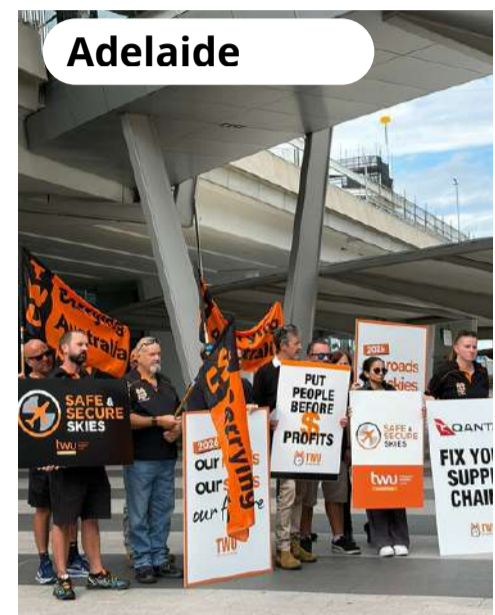


TWU members protest against Swissport at airports across the country



Earlier this week, TWU members protested at airports right across the country. Hundreds of workers from ground crew, baggage handlers, cabin crew, pilots and security, stood shoulder to shoulder, calling out Swissport's alarming safety standards at the ports.

Congratulations to our aviation members on a hugely successful National Day of Action.



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Protests centred on Swissport's long history of safety issues and poor worker standards:

- Recent safety blitzes revealed issues with damaged ground equipment, unsafe staffing levels, heat-based injuries and psychological hazards from intrusive surveillance methods.
- Swissport refusing entry for legally sanctioned safety inspections at Perth airport.
- Up to 400 safety reports a month recorded last year at Swissport in some ports.
- Safety blitzes follow a horrific series of workplace incidents across ground handling, including the death of a freight worker crushed by heavy machinery last year.

TWU's call on the industry

TWU members across aviation called on the airlines and airports to properly fund fair standards in the industry, and at companies like Swissport, and return wages and standards to what they used to be, before they were driven to rock bottom by the likes of Alan Joyce.

Your actions made the headlines



These protests were all about sending a message: if airlines and airports won't do their part in lifting wages and working conditions in the industry at companies like Swissport, then members will have the right to take further industrial action, if necessary.

Roster dispute case launched at Swissport

Meanwhile, the TWU is escalating a major dispute with Swissport on its rostering which has hugely affected members across the board. Swissport refused to fix its rostering practices, so we've launched a case in the Fair Work Commission.

Next steps

There will be a listing in the Fair Work Commission shortly. Keep an eye out for updates, but in the meantime, keep sharing your stories and keep delegates informed as to what Swissport is up to at your port.

Swissport workers are organising nationwide, taking coordinated action to demand fair pay, secure full-time jobs and safe work. With 400+ Swissport workers backing the claim and growing TWU membership, the message is clear: enough is enough.

2026 is the year we fight to lift standards right across the road transport industry and the more of us there are, the more bargaining power we have.

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