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URGENT UPDATE FOR TWU MEMBERS

This is a difficult time and members no doubt have serious concerns about the potential impact of the global pandemic on jobs in aviation.

Please be assured of the following:

- TWU leadership, officials and delegate-led committees are in touch with management of the various aviation companies on a daily basis as part of an urgent consultation process to keep workers safe and to protect jobs and income during the crisis. We will keep you updated on this process.
- TWU leadership has contacted the Federal Government and the Opposition Labor Party to discuss plans for aiding aviation workers and companies during this crisis. We have joined forces with other unions to ensure workers have a voice at the table. The measures we seek include Government assistance for companies in financial stress and assurance that workers can retain their jobs. Our main focus is that well-paid airline executives should not be the only ones deciding what happens to your jobs.
- We have told the Government and the Opposition that when the current crisis comes to an end the Australian economy will need a healthy transport industry in place, since our industry is uniquely interconnected with the functioning of an efficient economy and society. Business collapses and jobs cuts at the airports would hamper economic recovery given that the loss of experienced, trained workers would devastate the industry.
- We are working hard to ensure that Government and companies minimize the impact of this crisis on jobs and our industry. While the situation is unprecedented, it is not expected to endure and we want workers ready to return to work at full capacity when restrictions end. To this end it is in the Government's interest to ensure that you and your family are protected during this time.

If you have any specific concerns please contact your delegate.

Yours sincerely,

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TWU National Secretary

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