

COVID-19 CRISIS: ROAD TRANSPORT WORKER SURVEY

Almost 3,500 truck drivers, couriers and logistics and distribution workers completed a survey about the effect of COVID-19 on their work, finances and families.

LOSS OF INCOME

 **34%** have had their hours reduced, been stood-down or made redundant

42% have lost 20% or more of their income

“ I’ll need to **cancel my health and vehicle insurances** to meet my financial obligations. ”

“ Just enough money to cover 90% of bills and **just enough food if I skip some meals.** ”

“ **I can’t afford to live off a 38-hour week.** I need overtime to cover everything I have to pay. ”

“ My wife has lost her job, my wage is down by \$550 per week. We have a young son only 6 years old. **Debt is climbing.** I don’t want to touch my super but I can’t see any other choice. ”

IMPACT ON RETIREMENT

 **36%** are currently receiving less super or no super at all

“ **Aged 71 and my super has dropped by over 20%** so will have to keep working if possible after this crisis. ”

“ I’ll have to continue **working way past retirement age** to make up the loss in my super. ”

“ I’ve lost **thousands** of dollars from my super. ”

SAFETY

 **36%** said their employers haven’t taken appropriate measures against COVID-19

 **Only 14%** received COVID-19 safety training.

 **Only 29%** said all work stations and vehicles were disinfected.

“ Provided no sanitizer or wipes when touching customers freight and paperwork. **There’s not even any soap in the toilets** as borders say it costs too much. ”

“ **I’ve stood myself down** due to coronavirus and the lack of serious attention to prevention. I stepped down for my own, others and household family members safety. ”

“ If I go to work the only way I can be sure to protect my chronically ill partner is to self-isolate from her for 14 days when I get home. I work a 14 day on 14 day off roster. ”

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CONCERNS FOR THE FUTURE



62% are worried about losing their jobs

30% are worried that they're not skilled in any other industry

“ I have had a hip replacement after a work accident at 66, **who is going to employ me?** ”

“ As a female, I have worked in this industry for near 14 years, I am 52, **my fear is forced redundancy** for whatever reason they choose to give. **Scary so close to retirement and my house is still mortgaged.** ”



48% are worried they won't be able to support their family

19% are worried they'll lose their house

12% are worried they'll have to declare bankruptcy

“ I've been without income for two and a half months and still waiting for the centrelink payment. **I'm behind on rent by more than \$3000.** I have a one-year old son and my partner is pregnant. ”

“ I'm finding it extremely hard. I'm getting **behind in bills**, stressed out, not eating, barely sleeping. ”

“ **I'm a single Mum** so I need to work, very stressed still don't know if we are eligible for JobKeeper. ”

“ I'm having a financial crisis as **I'm just a casual worker** and I'm not working at the moment, so **I have no income** to support my family needs, bills and my kid's education. ”



Impact on future work

“ **The downturn in business will be used as an excuse** to legally sack long-term employees, especially those who have stood up for their entitlements. ”

“ Thinking further down the track that the company will use this as an avenue to **cut my rate next year.** ”

“ The employer is using this crisis as a tool to **abuse and mistreat employees who are not in favour** and vice versa. ”

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