



VIRGIN UPDATE

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TWU FILES DISPUTE OVER STAND DOWNS



The TWU has filed a dispute in the Fair Work Commission following Virgin's move to stand down pit crew. This move violates the terms of our enterprise agreement: it came with zero consultation and we will challenge it on the grounds that there is work available in most ports. Many of you have been stood up in recent months and are working more hours. This move has been taken to maximise flexibility for the airline and to leave workers in a precarious state not knowing if they will get a pay check at the end of the week.

MIXED MESSAGES FROM VIRGIN

Despite all pit crew receiving the letter about the stand downs Virgin are saying publicly only 170 workers will be affected. We are determined to get to the bottom of this.

STAND DOWNS LINKED TO JOBKEEPER END

Virgin's move is linked to the Federal Government's disastrous decision to kill Jobkeeper. Flying is not back to normal yet the wage subsidy has been taken away from aviation workers at this critical time. Scott Morrison's didn't want to extend Jobkeeper and so aviation workers are taking the hit through these stand downs.

WHAT NEXT

We will keep you updated on how our dispute at the Fair Work Commission proceeds. In the meantime stay in touch with your delegate or official and contact them if you have any queries.

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