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QANTAS UPDATE

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COURT CASE ON OUTSOURCING: DECISION PENDING



Qantas workers in Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra and Darwin on their final days before being outsourced

Our court case against Qantas over the outsourcing of 2,500 ground operations jobs has concluded. The case opened on April 12 and ran until May 13, with a break in the middle for more written submissions to be made. The judge has said he wants to rule as soon as he can but acknowledges it is a big, complex case so we expect it to take some weeks before a decision is handed down.

The court case went well and while this is a difficult case given the current workplace laws in this country we have mounted the best case possible. We have put a spotlight on the decision to outsource which should never have been taken and will ultimately hurt the airline, in terms of service, safety and security standards.

Our legal team held senior Qantas executives to account during tough cross-examination, including the CEO of Qantas domestic and international Andrew David, the Qantas chief legal officer Andrew Finch, the former managing director of airports Colin Hughes and the former chief operating officer Paul Jones.

We made it clear that the disgraceful decision to axe the jobs of 2,500 workers was a targeted move against a united workforce who were prepared to stand up when the company tried to rip them off and drive down conditions.

We will update you as soon as we know when a decision is coming. We will be planning a robust response no matter what the verdict so stay in touch with your branch for more details on how to get involved. Make sure you contact your delegate or official if you have any questions.

[**Click here for media clips from the court case**](#)

Our High Court case against Qantas for refusing to pay sick workers their leave opens on May 21 with our High Court case against Qantas for abusing Jobkeeper to open soon also. Stay tuned for updates.

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