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❖ NOTICE ❖

TO: ALL QANTAS ALAEA MEMBERS RE: PROTECTED INDUSTRIAL ACTION AUTHORISATION

Qantas has attempted to exploit a legal loophole to block a protected action ballot of Qantas members. The matter before the AIRC has now been adjourned until Monday. The ALAEA have moved to ensure that the loophole is covered and hereby gives amended notice of Authorization in regard to supporting or advancing our claims made in respect of the proposed collective agreement (EBA8).

Following the giving of this authorisation the action if it is to be protected action, cannot take place until after a "protected action ballot" is conducted of the employees covered by the "Notice of Bargaining Period", and proposed to be covered by the new EBA8. To do this the ALAEA needs to obtain an order from the AIRC that will authorise a protected action ballot to be held and hold a protected action ballot that may authorise the industrial action. Depending on the result of the ballot the action may or may not proceed.

"The protected action so authorized is the banning of routine work, routine Certification or any release to service on aircraft VH-OJQ and VH-OJO for normal service until such times as the said aircraft have undergone a full "D" type check or equivalent to the satisfaction of the ALAEA."

If a ballot for the above action is to proceed it is likely to take place in two weeks time.

Stephen Purvinas
Federal Secretary