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TO: ALL JHAS ALAEA MEMBERS

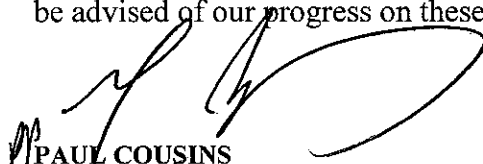
RE: INDUSTRY UPDATE

Since the signing of the joint union agreement between various unions under the guidance of the ACTU at the JHAS facility Tullamarine, the ALAEA has supported the position that JHAS MRO be given every opportunity to grow and assist in the ever growing industry of aircraft maintenance in this country. It has been proactive in encouraging several airlines to make use of the JHAS facilities especially in regard to the specific licence coverage held within that facility. The ALAEA has presented to both the regulatory authorities and the government of the day that Australian MRO facilities provide not only future guarantees of employment of Australian engineers but the highest standards of aircraft maintenance professionalism in the world bar none.

The ALAEA has always insisted that any overflow of QANTAS Boeing 738 aircraft maintenance from the QANTAS Tullamarine facility, which is regarded worldwide as a top shelf provider in both quality and on time performance, be completed onshore in the best interest of CASA compliance and the future of Australian Aviation. When Qantas Tullamarine and Avalon capacities are full the only available choice for this Boeing 738 overflow work is the John Holland Aviation Services facility at Tullamarine Airport and the ALAEA continues to pursue and support this view unconditionally.

Last week the ALAEA were made aware of two more QANTAS Boeing 738 aircraft that are targeted to be outsourced overseas. The ALAEA's position remains that JHAS be given every opportunity to prove it has the capability to carry out this overflow work and we will not accept this work being shipped offshore without every opportunity being given to JHAS to show it has this capability. There is ample evidence that maintenance carried out offshore is too often completed at a price rather than a standard and that is a major concern for not only those facilities within Australia but the Australian flying public.

To these ends the ALAEA has entered discussions with Qantas with a view to ensuring that all overflow 737 Heavy Maintenance be carried out in Melbourne at JHAS. At this stage it is unsure whether the decision on the latest two 738 checks can be reversed. Members will be advised of our progress on these discussions.


PAUL COUSINS
Federal President

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