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❖ NOTICE ❖

TO: QANTAS MEMBERS

RE: MANAGEMENT STRIKE-BREAKERS

The ALAEA have been advised that Transport Workers in Sydney have walked off the job on grounds of safety and Qantas management strike-breakers are set to enter the tarmac in their place. A similar scenario occurred in Melbourne several weeks ago and LAMEs who had been working amongst the strike-breakers encountered a number of dangerous practices that had been adopted by the management team.

These practices included managers using mobile phones in the vicinity of aircraft that were being refuelled and using ground handling equipment that they were neither licenced or trained to use. ALAEA members challenged the strike-breakers and encountered stiff resistance and abuse from the managers who appeared to think that the rules of the tarmac did not apply to them. Cross reports and form 500's were submitted and at this stage there has been no feedback to the submitters and the issues have not been addressed.

The ALAEA and its members have reported serious safety breaches by management strike-breaker teams. These managers are working in an unfamiliar environment and breaking rules that are there to keep your workplace safe. Our safety concerns have not been addressed therefore we advise members that -

For the safety of yourself and other LAMEs, when management strike-breakers are working on Qantas aircraft, vacate the area on and around these aircraft until such time that the management strike-breakers have completed their work.

During any period that you have walked away from an aircraft for this reason, LAMEs must make themselves available for other safe work that it would be normally considered reasonable for a LAME to perform.

STEVE PURVINAS
Federal Secretary

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