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❖ NOTICE ❖

TO: QANTAS MEMBERS AND FORSTAFF

RE: MELBOURNE MERGER LATEST

ALAEA Melbourne Representatives and Executive members today presented themselves for a meeting with Qantas managers Kevin McDermott, Tony Lauder, Briony Farington and Paul Cramer to discuss a possible merger of the International and Domestic Terminals. The ALAEA placed a voice recorder on the table and advised management that the meeting was going to be recorded due to a number of meetings where a consensus had been reached only to have Qantas managers later distort what had been agreed to. Some recent incidents include-

- The initial A380 course selection discussions when Peter Styles claimed that the ALAEA had agreed to a Qantas selection process. When an email was pulled out that demonstrated that we had not agreed, he said "*although that's what the email says, that's not what it means*".
- Later A380 course selection discussions before FWA VP Watson when it was agreed that all applicants would have access to their scoring sheet. Management then failed to honour that commitment when Melbourne selections took place.
- Sydney A380 selections where management advised that the split for courses would be 14 Mechanical and 9 Avionics. The final split was 21/2.
- A conciliation hearing last week where Doug Townley from Forstaff committed before the Commissioner that a member overseeing an outsourced overseas Qantas aircraft would be given an upgradable ticket on his return. Our member presented at the airport and was given a non-upgradeable Economy ticket and refused an upgrade even though spare J class seats were available.

The ALAEA expects Qantas management to be trustworthy and honour their word however the issue of whether they can be trusted comes into further question when they refuse to allow a meeting to be recorded. Qantas discontinued the meeting, despite the ALAEA standing by ready to meet, Qantas refused to meet and the meeting ended.

STEVE PURVINAS
Federal Secretary

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