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# ❖ NOTICE ❖

TO: ALL ALAEA MEMBERS – QANTAS

RE: QANTAS PERTH SAFETY ISSUES

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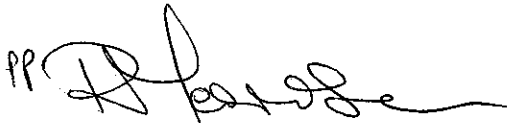
For the information of Qantas members, the ALAEA wrote to Qantas Group General Manager Industrial Relations today as follows:

*"It has been brought to my attention that a number of safety matters previously raised regarding the tarmac operation in Perth have been left unresolved. Of particular concern are flaws that have developed in the Supervisory structure and the operation of the Emergency and man-down procedures. I have been advised and shown copies of a number of hazard style reports that note operations had continued on the tarmac without Supervision of various levels present.*

*This matter was previously raised and deflected by Qantas with a one month s.496 order being issued against the ALAEA when we sought remedy by ensuring that 2 staff worked with each other at all times to overcome the lack of supervision. As this order has now expired and ample opportunity given to the airline to rectify what is potentially an unsafe and hazardous work environment for our members, the ALAEA requests a formal response on steps taken to entirely eliminate situations where the DMM office is unmanned whilst our members are working the tarmac.*

*Please note that we consider it unacceptable to assume that "someone will always be listening in" or "another department monitors the channel". Only the DMM or relevant replacement is located near emergency phones, emergency procedure lists and the work plan that details the whereabouts of staff working under his supervision.*

*I request an adequate written response by the close of business on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2007 otherwise the ALAEA will be in no position other than having to re-instate the 2 man operation at all time's directive to protect the safety of our members."*

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STEPHEN PURVINAS  
Federal Secretary

"To undertake supervise and certify for the safety of all who fly."