



## ***Media Release***

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### **Workers high standards forces Qantas to back down on jobs**

The Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association today welcomed the decision from Qantas management to keep 460 jobs at the Boeing 737 heavy maintenance base at Tullamarine.

But Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association federal secretary Stephen Purvinas called on Qantas to rule out any future off-shoring of maintenance operations, including 'one-off' operations.

"Workers are committed to maintain the high safety standards in Qantas and that means keeping the jobs here in Australia," Mr Purvinas said.

"As Qantas management announced a review of the airlines engineering operations, the Association is backing a long-term plan to keep the aircraft engineering maintenance industry in Australia in order to ensure safety standards.

"The good thing about the long term review by the Qantas management over the next 12 months is that they've asked for union involvement, not just an American bean-counting company.

"This should be an end in the off-shoring adventure and the becoming of a new era of commitment to Australia's world best standards.," added Purvinas

Engineers recently processed 50 consecutive aircraft on time, a sign that workers are committed to efficiency and high standards.

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