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ASU Condemns Qantas Announcement of Off shoring and Job Cuts

Today's announcement by Qantas of wholesale changes to the airlines international operation is a slap in the face to the loyal Qantas workers who have built the airline's safety record and reputation. The Australian Services Union, the largest union representing Qantas employees, condemns the move.

"As an island nation Australia depends on Qantas and the announcement today is nothing short of an attack on a great airline which has been built on the loyalty of its Australian staff who year after year have seen record profits and an excellent safety record off their labours"

The ASU represents airport check-in workers, head office, administration and finance, business travel, IT, freight and engineering clerical workers and administrative and technical staff, and is the largest union operating in Qantas.

The ASU believes significant numbers of its members will ultimately be affected by this announcement, including in safety sensitive areas of the airline's operation.

"ASU members will not be flat footed – we intend to fight this. We successfully lobbied in relation to the APA bid and we will do it again because Australians deserve better"

ASU Assistant National Secretary Linda White said.

"ASU members strongly believe that what makes Qantas great is it is the spirit of Australia – this announcement flies in the face of all that makes Qantas great – that is its staff.

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