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Jetstar protected action ballot application successful

Today, Fair Work Australia (FWA) approved our application to conduct a ballot to determine what industrial action ASU members may take to get a better deal at Jetstar. Interestingly, Jetstar did not oppose our application.

So far, Jetstar says it is not interested in talking to us about our claims and its settlement offer remains well below par. Meanwhile, Jetstar continues to make record profits and is expanding rapidly.

This is why we have decided to vote on the option of industrial action. We have been telling Jetstar “Value Our Work” – but words are not enough. Now it’s time to take action to show Jetstar that we mean it.

What’s next?

Over the coming weeks, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) will be sending ASU members a ballot paper in the mail. You will need to answer the questions on the ballot and return it to the AEC.

It is important to remember that the ballot questions are only about what industrial actions members **MAY** take. By answering ‘yes’ to all the questions we are giving ourselves a wider range of options for action. We do not necessarily have to take all the action that has been voted up.

Voting should take place over the next 4 weeks (20 working days). The AEC will inform us of the result once all the votes have been counted. We will keep you posted once we know the exact dates for the ballot.

We are still meeting with Jetstar

A smaller contingent of your NNT has a meeting scheduled with Jetstar’s Employee Relations Manager, David Twyford, on 5 September 2011. This meeting will be about the statutory requirements of the new agreement regarding the better off overall test (BOOT) and the National Employment Standards (NES).

The BOOT and NES are the **minimum requirements** of any agreement. They are required by law. Without them, the agreement will not be approved by FWA. Make no mistake; it is not concession, generosity or improvement, but rather legal obligations that forces Jetstar to adhere to these absolute minimum conditions.

Jetstar is not proposing to discuss the rest of our claims as far as we know.

What can you do?

The ASU is the collective of its members and the members have chosen to collectively fight for a better, fairer deal. Whether Jetstar likes it or not, the ASU members are an integral part of its operation.

If you are not a member and you want to be a part of the team that fights for better conditions for everyone, you can still join online at www.asu.asn.au/join or get a membership form from your local ASU rep.

A reminder too, to ensure that your address and birthday details are up to date. We need this to ensure you get a ballot paper.

Any questions?

If you have any questions ask your NNT member or organiser.

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