



Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Treasurer
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Dear Mr Frydenberg,

We write to you to urgently draw your attention to a serious threat to jobs at the airports.

It has come to our attention that several aviation companies are ineligible for the Jobkeeper payment based on updated criteria which precludes corporations owned by foreign governments from accessing the payment for their workers.

Among these companies are the Dnata group of companies including Dnata Catering, which employs over 5,500 workers in Australia and is critical to the functioning of the aviation industry in Australia since it handles up to 90% of the catering needs of airlines here.

The unintended consequences of this loophole will devastate aviation workers in Australia and their families who were much-relieved when the Government announced the Jobkeeper Payment in March. The Jobkeeper Payment has given them certainty about their futures and their income and has them on standby to return to work when the Government lifts its travel restrictions. Without it their jobs are under threat and their futures are entirely insecure.

We believe there will be serious consequences for the economy if vital companies at the airport like Dnata collapse and leave Australia. It will mean airlines will not be able to return to full capacity in the short to medium term.

We hope you will consider the plight of thousands of workers today and examine this loophole. We stand ready to assist you in any way we can and can help explain the far-reaching consequences in terms of affected jobs.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

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Michael Kaine
TWU National Secretary

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Linda White
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