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Oh The Noise!

ASU members at Jetstar Brisbane domestic terminal made some noise of their own recently when their workplace became a construction site.

A decision was made between the Brisbane Airport Corporation and Jetstar management that new check in machines would be introduced into the area that Jetstar operate within the Brisbane Domestic Terminal.

ASU Delegates contacted the ASU to notify that dust, noise and significant inconvenience for passengers and subsequently staff was being experienced due to the construction.

At no time did Jetstar enter into discussion with the Union nor provide Occupational Health and Safety plans or management strategies as to how to deal with potential passenger disruption and frustration which the construction was bound to cause, prior to its commencement.

The Jetstar Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) that covers working conditions for staff contains a clause that was negotiated for and won by the ASU that includes the payment of a Disability Allowance. This Allowance is to be paid where work around the area Jetstar staff operate in, involves noise and dust to a limited degree due to alterations and/or the removal or installation of plants and machinery and a marked reduction in work space.

The Union office wrote to Jetstar management at Brisbane airport requiring the Disability Allowance be paid.

ASU members and Delegates win! Confirmation that staff will receive the Allowance was received Thursday 31st July 2014. The Disability Allowance payment of 59 cents per hour will take effect immediately, and be backdated to the 9th of July and continue until the 20th of August 2014 for those affected employees.

Management have also advised us that the construction will take place until 20 August 2014. Watch this space for an update on that time line!

A win for the members at Jetstar Brisbane and highlights the importance of having conditions/clauses in EBA's so that claims, such as the above, can be challenged.

United we can win!



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