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OFFSHORE UPDATE

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Comrades,

Much has occurred since the last offshore update a few days ago – please read this update out onboard and spread the word. Key points include”

1. Go Offshore releases "All Department Non-Union EBA"
2. DOF release "All Department Non-Union EBA"
3. The NT tightens requirements to enter
4. Offshore Members Report Back
5. Rally at Qube Fremantle - 6:00AM Friday 13th Aug

GO OFFSHORE RELEASE ALL DEPARTMENT NON-UNION EBA

It was no surprise that Go Offshore released this agreement, which we have been waiting for them to release over the last several weeks. The MUA is calling on ALL Go Offshore Seafarers (including the Officers and Engineers) to **VOTE NO to GO this Friday the 13th!**

If any of our broader seafaring membership know any of the Officers and Engineers that work for Go Offshore, we urge you to encourage them to **Vote No!**

In this non-union EBA, the company has sought to rip away basic rights and conditions that we have had for years. Here's a few key issues:

1. Scope issues – need fixing. Go Offshore can pay our members dead days whilst at work. An outright attack on our leave system! Our members should not be on the same agreement as the Officers and Engineers either.

2. Delegate numbers – need fixing. Company has sought to allow only 1 delegate per every 4 vessels (up to a maximum of 2)

3. Manning Levels – need fixing. They have excluded normal manning levels on vessels at various times! The fact remains though - if the scope is not fixed, they can reduce manning levels as they see fit!

4. Door to door – needs fixing. Their EBA allows them to deduct from workers accrued leave whilst in quarantine on their way home. This is a massive step backward as the current provisions at least get our members paid until they reach their home port!

5. Sickness and Accident Insurance – needs fixing. The company now need to be satisfied before workers are eligible to access the insurance provided for in the agreement. In other words, they will likely never have access to it.

6. Income Protection – needs fixing. Conditions won last time round such as income protection has been removed.

7. Superannuation – needs fixing. With Super receiving legislated increases over the next few years, we sought to have the Employer contribution increase in line with any of the government increases.

8. Ride Share Only – needs fixing. Taxis have been made a last resort. Now our members are being forced to use ride share.

9. Redundancy – needs fixing. Go Offshore has manipulated the wording in this agreement to make it easier for them to pick heads.

There are other issues with Go's proposed agreement, however, these are the key ones that need fixing.

The agreement goes out to vote this coming Friday the 13th at 9am. Once again, we are calling on **ALL Go Offshore Seafarers to deliver a NO VOTE to this shitty Agreement!**

Vote NO TO GO! – THIS FRIDAY 13TH AUG

DOF RELEASE ALL DEPARTMENT NON-UNION EBA

Similar to Go Offshore, DOF has released an agreement covering off on all departments. At first glance, it appears that the DOF Agreement could be worse than that of Go Offshore.

It was surprising that DOF sent this EA out, given that DOF indicated they were prepared to continue to work towards a mutually agreeable document. Now we are being forced to deliver a **No Vote** along with the Officers and Engineers.

The difference between DOF and Go Offshore is that DOF began engaging AOS approximately 6 months ago. So many of the MUA positions have been filled with people that cannot vote on the agreement. The Officers and Engineers votes are more critical than ours in this vote.

Regardless, our members along with the other departments are encouraged to **VOTE NO** to this EBA!

NT TIGHTENS REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER

As mentioned in the last Offshore report, we expected the loophole to be tightened and it has occurred. The NT has now implemented further boarder restrictions for people entering the NT. In short, they are stopping people from entering the NT, who plan to leave when they come out of quarantine/isolation.

Members entering the NT to join a vessel may be allowed entry under these new rules, however, this hasn't been tested or confirmed at this stage. Either way, this is very problematic for many of our members and some of the offshore operators.

OFFSHORE MEMBERS REPORT BACK

The WA Branch will be holding another Offshore report back for all our offshore membership this coming Thursday – 12th Aug at 2pm (WST). All available members are asked to present at the Branch for the report back and those who cannot make it in person, should come in via Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87198377360?pwd=anR3R1N0L2o5dGZ6eU9Jc0hLTUtEdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 9837 7360

Passcode: 136991

RALLY AT QUBE FREMANTLE

Over the last few months, the WA Branch has seen an increased amount of Industrial Action take place. The most recent is with Qube Logistics.

This coming Friday - 13th August at 6am we will be having a Mass Protest at berths 11/12 (near the intersection of Pearse St and Tydeman Rd, North Fremantle).

We are calling on ALL available members to come and support the Qube Freo workers, who have already spent 15 days outside the Port gates. No union labour has performed any stevedoring work for Qube in Fremantle or Kwinana since 30th July, due to the failure of Qube to allocate by 14:00.

The MUA has invited like-minded blue-collar unions to attend our picket - including the CFMEU (construction division), AWU, TWU, and ETU.

Details on where to park can be found on the WA Branch Facebook page. Come down and show your support to the Fremantle Qube membership!



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