



Offshore Update – 21st July 2020

Comrades,

Many would be aware by now that more has and continue to occur in the Oil and Gas Sector as a result of the COVID-19 Crisis we all face. Please feel free to share this report with other MUA Oil and Gas workers in your contact lists.

NSW Joins Victoria In WA Lock Out – Whilst McGowan Pushes the Resource Sector to Pick Up Locally

The Mining Giants along with the Oil and Gas majors have been lobbying the WA government to open a FIFO bubble (or alike) to allow interstate workers access to WA mine sites and Oil and Gas fields. Meanwhile Mark McGowan and the WA Government have been calling on them, to either employ workers from WA, or have them move across permanently. It's an outright attack on East coast workers. Have a read of this article.

<https://www.perthnow.com.au/news/coronavirus/coronavirus-wa-fifo-quarantine-hubs-being-considered-by-mining-industry-ng-b881615860z>

the WA Branch has been and continue to lobby the WA Government to show them that this is an issue where the Unions and the Employers see eye to eye. As a result, the WA Police are re-establishing a taskforce this week to deal with our industry. What's important here is that we have been able to get a seat at the table. The main focus for us will be around crew changes and exemption policies. It's our position, that all Marine crew entering from all states should be made exempt and allowed access to their workplace.

Currently the situation around workers from NSW and Victoria entering WA seems to be all over the shop. We have had some members enter in today and forced into Government isolation, whilst other members denied access and turned back all together. It seems that it depends on the officer of the day.

What is clear is that if you don't have the "Good to Go" (G2G) passes sorted – you won't be let into the state. Try to have this completed as early as possible before flying.

Another AMMA Let Down

last week, we once again contacted AMMA with a view of trying to help one another through these testing times. The intention at our end was to try and come up with a plan that assisted our East coast members. The feedback was that they weren't interested in working in with us and believed that they had this in hand.

Once again, we are having to deal with affected individuals on a case by case basis along with each of the employers. Not ideal to say the least.

We have written to one employer with a large East Coast workforce asking them to consider picking up the TAB for accommodation and meals should their permanents wish to temporarily relocate. We are waiting on hearing back from them.

Jobkeeper Extended

Jobkeeper will be extended but the level of income support paid out will be reduced. JobKeeper will be at a new rate of \$1200 a fortnight (instead of \$1500) for a further six months. Whilst not ideal for thousands of workers across the country, this may assist us in preventing redundancies from occurring across various Offshore operators.

You Could Be Owed Some Money and We Want to Get It for You!

In the past 6 years have you worked for either Swire or Go Offshore?

If so then you should fill out the attached document and return them to me before the next Offshore Commission meeting on Friday, the 14th August.

Offshore Commission

The next Offshore EBA Commission takes place on Friday 14th August at 9am WST. Please confirm your attendance via email to Sandra.mirco@mua.org.au. Members at home and on leave are encouraged to get involved at their branches. If you are intending on getting into your branch you should contact them and let them know of your intention of attendance.

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