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OFFSHORE UPDATE

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Offshore Members,

This update covers off on the Offshore EBA Hook-Up, Border closure, and Mandatory Vaccinations.

OFFSHORE EBA VIDEO HOOKUP

Today, Friday 8th October at 2pm WST (5pm Vic/ NSW), (4pm QLD) we need all members across all Offshore companies to participate in this forum.

The DOF EBA Negotiation has taken another turn with the DOF membership endorsing Strike Action to ensure that the scope issue is resolved.

We will also provide members with an update on the GO Offshore EBA and members will have the opportunity to raise questions etc

To participate in this hook-up, please click on this link :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86243639957?pwd=bFZlYVRyTXVta2thbXJscGlqV2JsUT09>

Meeting ID: **862 4363 9957** Passcode: **243812**



MANDATORY VACCINATIONS

WA Government Directions

We have had several calls, emails and queries from our seagoing membership regarding the recent decision by the McGowan Government to make it mandatory for all Port workers to be vaccinated.

We have advice from Senior Counsel advising us that there is no viable legal argument for us make against these State Government directions. This means that unless Port workers are able to obtain a medical or other exemption then they must be partially vaccinated by 15 October and fully vaccinated by November the 12th.

By now you would aware that the government has announced that they will be releasing further directions also making it mandatory for workers to be fully vaccinated in the resources sector which includes the Oil and Gas Sector.

These directions have not yet been released, however it has been indicated that workers engaged in the industry will be required to have their first jab by the 1st December 2021, and be fully vaccinated by the 1st January 2022.

When these directions are released, we will assess that at the time and what that means for our membership.

Victorian Government

Late last week the Victorian Government made vaccinations mandatory in the vast majority of industries and workplaces and workplaces in Victoria. The preliminary view is that these directions will cover all of our membership, including Seafarers working in Victoria.

The Victorian Government directions require all applicable workers to at least have their first jab by October 15, 2021.

Where to from here?

It is likely that workers captured by these new directions in Victoria will be required to be vaccinated. That is most workers working in Victoria in any capacity.

We are working through the impact and reach of the directions with the broader trade union movement in Victoria including the Victorian Trades Hall and the construction unions. When the position, on the basis of the legal advice given to all unions, we will again email our membership to better clarify the position to those workers in Victoria.

As mentioned earlier, similarly we are exploring what other options (if any) we have here in WA once we see the full directions once they have been issued.

Any members who hold concerns about getting vaccinated needs to speak to their doctor or other trusted health professional asap.

I know these are difficult times for our members but we are committed to working through this issue to protect our industry and protect our member's jobs.

BORDER CLOSURES

If any members from the East Coast have recently been knocked back from entering WA, please send me through the email from the government authority (WA Police) asap. We require this so that Kyle McGinn can assist in getting us on the essential workers list.

In Unity

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