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Dear Ms Ackar

The TWU represents thousands of members in aviation across the country, including pilots, cabin crew, fleet presentation, ground crew, guest services, catering, transport and security among others.

In consultation with our membership, we write in support of the recent application by Virgin Australia for increased capacity between Australia and Indonesia, being two new routes from Adelaide and the Gold Coast to Denpasar via Perth.

The TWU understands that Virgin has committed to employing directly-hired, locally-based crews for these additional flights, an initiative which would significantly contribute to the growth of local aviation jobs in Australia.

Prioritising directly-hired, local aviation jobs is essential to the long-term stability of the aviation sector in Australia, and maintaining a high level of safety and service standards. Virgin's commitment stands in contrast with Jetstar and Qantas' heavy reliance on internationally-based crews, which concerningly have been shown to be paid as little as \$2 an hour for Indonesian-based crew.

It is in the interests of the industry, airlines, airport workers and the travelling public for these additional services to be allocated to Virgin Australia, boosting local aviation jobs and representing a positive step towards rebuilding a sustainable and viable Australian aviation industry.

Yours sincerely

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