

Jetstar No Weigh Day a huge success

Thanks to each and every one of the ASU members and Delegates at Jetstar for making our No Weigh Day of action the resounding success that it was.

No Weigh Day got enormous coverage in the news media. Online there were over a hundred articles, while ABC1, ABC News 24, Channel 10, Channel 9 and Sky News provided TV coverage. Plus there were articles scattered throughout most of the major daily newspapers.

Overwhelmingly, the media was positive, reporting how happy passengers were with our industrial action. Many passengers gave us words of encouragement and support for our campaign.

Jetstar, however, bemoaned the threat our action would have for the low cost carrier model. It's hard to see how Jetstar can say this with a straight face when in the last financial year Bruce Buchanan's pay packet jumped from \$1.1m to \$1.4m per annum. A very tidy 22.5% increase, in one year!

We've shown Jetstar that we value our work that we're organised and we're ready to take action for fair and decent wages and conditions. We too deserve to share in Jetstar's success.

We now call on Jetstar to come back to the table and make a decent offer that is befitting of the hard work we do on the ground.

Did you know?

Jetstar has doubled its fleet size since 2008 and passenger capacity has grown in the double digits for the past few years. Jetstar's capacity is forecast to rise by 19 per cent in 2011/12, the eighth successive year of double-digit increases!

Jetstar CEO, Bruce Buchanan has said the current economic turmoil and fears of a double-dip recession were not a threat to Jetstar's expansion. He was quoted as saying, "I think what's great about low-cost carriers is, regardless of the state of the economy, they tend to perform pretty well". - The Australian (p44, Wed 12 Oct 2011)

Now is the time to get on board, join the ASU, and join the fight for better pay and conditions. Contact your Delegate or Organiser for more information about how the EBA negotiations are going or how to join the ASU.

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