



MIXED DAY FOR TRAVELLERS DURING CUSTOMS STRIKE

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It has been a **mixed day for travellers** at Australia's international airports, who have been forced to deal with a 24-hour strike from Australian Border Force (ABF) staff as part of a pay dispute with the government.

About 5,000 ABF staff stayed away from work on Monday, affecting operations at eight international airports.

Reports from Melbourne Tullamarine and Sydney Kingsford Smith suggested ABF staff flown in to fill the gap had kept queues manageable.

However, reports from Brisbane, Gold Coast and suggested there were long queues during the morning, which is a peak time for many international arrivals.

The 24-hour strike is the latest move from the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) as part of a year-long negotiation with the government over a new enterprise bargaining agreement.

Under the relevant legislation, the union has to give the government at least 11 days notice if it intends to take protected (legal) industrial action and stop work.

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