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Dear Member,

The Australian Workers' Union will be arranging meetings with Visy, and O-I Glass, to understand both the sale arrangements and Visy's intentions moving forward.

O-I Glass, which employs more than 1000 workers across four sites in Melbourne, Adelaide, Penrith and Brisbane, has just announced it has sold its Australian and New Zealand operations to Visy Industries, one of the world's largest privately- owned paper, packaging and recycling companies.

The AWU will be ensuring that the current Enterprise Agreements stay in place during the transition and beyond in accordance with Transfer of Business principles set in law.

The AWU is of the view that this industry must continue its proud history unchanged.

"The bottles that are produced in these factories end up in the hands of millions of Australians every year. From mums feeding their babies, to friends cooking up a bowl of pasta, to mates sitting back enjoying a cold beer at the end of the working day"

It just wouldn't be right drinking a beer with glass produced from overseas and we along with your support will highlight why glass must be made in Australia.

The AWU will keep members fully up to date as the transfer and any other matters unfold.

Between its four manufacturing plants, O-I Australia produces over 2.5 billion glass containers for hundreds of food and beverage companies every year, supplying the packaging for households essential goods such as milk, water, spreads, juice, olive oil, pasta and simmer sauces, and alcoholic beverages such as beer and wine.

As well as employing more than 1,000 staff, it also indirectly provides jobs for thousands of people employed through its suppliers, third parties and those in the food and beverage industry.



The AWU has always supported the Australian glass industry and will continue to advocate for all of our members. In these troubled times it's more vital than ever that we protect and support our manufacturing industry and promote and use Australian made products that are the rival of the world."

In unity

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The Australian Workers' Union

