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SDA welcomes Wesfarmers Stage 4 payments to workers

Quotes from Gerard Dwyer, National Secretary the SDA the union for retail, fast food, warehouse and online retail workers

The SDA welcomes Wesfarmers' decision to pay staff affected for the six weeks of Victoria's Stage 4 lockdown.

Other major retailers NOT receiving JobKeeper should now follow suit.

Wesfarmers has decided to pay full replacement wages to affected fulltime permanents in the event that the Stage 4 restrictions result in them not having meaningful work available for them.

Casuals working 12 hours or more a week will also receive full replacement payments.

Casuals working less than 12 hours a week will get what they would have received for two weeks work.

These are essential workers on the frontline who have been risking their health and safety to ensure the community have food on the table and other essentials throughout the COVID crisis.

Wesfarmers has acted with admirable speed to minimise the anxiety and uncertainty of their staff.

It is now time for other major retailers to follow Wesfarmers' lead.

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