



25 August 2016

Ms Marlene Tucker  
Executive Director  
International Air Services Commission  
GPO Box 630  
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Ms ~~Tucker~~, *Marlene*

#### **Application for Variation – Papua New Guinea**

Qantas is seeking a variation of capacity allocations on the Papua New Guinea route to enable reciprocal code sharing with Air Niugini, planned from 30 October 2016. Under new free sale arrangements, Qantas plans to code share on passenger services operated by Air Niugini between Port Moresby and Brisbane / Sydney / Cairns, while Air Niugini plans to code share on Qantas operated passenger services between Brisbane and Port Moresby.

Qantas and Air Niugini also have an agreement in place in relation to belly-hold freight on the route.

A signed copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and Air Niugini will be provided to the Commission separately.

#### **Variation Sought**

Qantas requests a variation to Determination 105/2014, Determination 132/2011 as varied and Determination 110/2016, which allocates a total of 1,888 seats per week for passenger services on the Papua New Guinea route, to permit the capacity to be used to code share with Air Niugini.

The variation is requested for the duration of the Determinations.

#### **IASC Act and Minister's Policy Statement Considerations**

This application should be considered against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in paragraph 4 of the Minister's policy statement.



Qantas Airways Limited ABN 16 009 661 901  
10 Bourke Road Mascot NSW 2020 Australia  
Telephone +61 2 9691 3636

[qantas.com](http://qantas.com)

These criteria state that the use of entitlements under a bilateral arrangement is of benefit to the public, provided a carrier is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.

We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission might require.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Wheelens", followed by a period. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Tony Wheelens**  
Executive Manager, International and Industry Affairs