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Re: Qantas application to code share on passenger services operated by Air Niugini between Port Moresby and Brisbane/Sydney/Cairns.

Dear Ms Tucker,

As a frequent traveller between Australia and Papua New Guinea I submit that this application should be approved.

While my submission supports the application in its entirety, my particular interest is in the air services between Port Moresby and Cairns. Post October this year choice will remain in terms of the services between Port Moresby and Brisbane/Sydney, i.e. Qantas, Air Niugini or Virgin. However, in terms of Port Moresby – Cairns, the proposed cessation of current Qantas services will mean that Air Niugini is the only airline offering services on this route.

I believe that approval of the proposed code share arrangement is desirable for this route as it will result in a choice of either Air Niugini or Qantas ticketing, and provide some incentive for price competitiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Murphy