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Ms Marlene Tucker
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International Air Services Commission
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Via email: Marlene.Tucker@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Ms Tucker,

Application for Variation – New Zealand route

Qantas and SriLankan Airlines plan to extend their code share arrangements to include flights operated by Qantas on the New Zealand route from 18 December 2017.

A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and SriLankan Airlines will be provided separately to the Commission.

Variation Sought

Qantas requests a variation to Determination [2014] IASC 102 (as varied) to permit the utilisation of capacity for code share services with SriLankan Airlines on the New Zealand route. The variation is requested for the duration of the determination.

IASC Act and 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.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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