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Mr Michael Bird *B11/3.*
 Executive Director
 International Air Services Commission
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Dear Mr Bird *Mike*

Application for variation – New Zealand route

Qantas seeks a variation to Determination [2006] IASC 109, which allocates capacity on the New Zealand route, to allow Etihad Airways (Etihad) to code share on Qantas services between Australia and Auckland.

It is planned that the new code share arrangements with Etihad will be introduced from the start of the Northern Summer scheduling season, on 29 March 2009.

A copy of the code share agreement between Qantas and Etihad will be provided to the Commission as soon as it is available, and prior to the commencement of the code share services.

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 criteria 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 in support of this application.

Yours sincerely

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