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Mr Michael Bird  
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Dear Mr Bird

### Application for Variation – Singapore Route

Qantas seeks a variation to Determination [2007] IASC 116, which allocates capacity on the Singapore route, to allow Japan Airlines (JAL) to code share on Qantas' services between Australia and Singapore.

Qantas will also place its code on selected JAL services between Singapore and Japan that offer connections with Qantas' Australia-Singapore flights.

It is planned that the new code share arrangements with JAL, which will operate on a free sale basis, will commence on 1 June 2009.

A copy of the code share agreement between Qantas and JAL is attached for your records.

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.



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Yours sincerely



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