



**Australian Government**  

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**International Air Services Commission**

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Dear Dr Chadwick

**Application from Qantas for extension of authority to code share with  
Air Niugini**

Qantas has applied to the International Air Services Commission (IASC) for a three year extension of the authorisation of its code share agreement with Air Niugini on services between Australia and Papua New Guinea. In November 2007, the IASC issued a decision authorising this code share agreement until 31 December 2009. A copy of this decision is attached (Attachment A). A copy of the public version of the application from Qantas is also attached (Attachment B).

If the IASC has concerns that a code share agreement may not be of benefit to the public, it will assess the benefit to the public of the application for authorisation of the agreement against certain criteria. These criteria are contained in paragraph 5 of the Policy Statement issued under the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992* by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

The IASC is required to consult with the ACCC when applications for authorisation of code share agreements are assessed against the paragraph 5 criteria. Accordingly, I would like to invite the ACCC to provide its views about the attached Qantas application to extend the authorisation of this code share agreement.

I would be grateful if you would provide any views the ACCC may have by cob 11 September 2009. Please feel free to call if you wish to discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Bird'.

Michael Bird  
Executive Director

11 August 2009