



12 August 2009

Mr Michael Bird
Executive Director
International Air Services Commission
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Dear Mr Bird *Mike*

Application for a Variation to Determination [2008] IASC 129 – Fiji

I refer to my letter of 12 August which sought from the Commission a Determination which would permit V Australia to operate daily services between points in Australia and points in Fiji.

In support of that application Pacific Blue Airlines (Australia) Pty Ltd (PBA) seeks a variation to Determination [2008] IASC 129 which allocates capacity on the Fiji route to enable it to transfer 1260 seats to V Australia. Both PBA and V Australia are wholly owned subsidiaries of Virgin Blue Holdings Limited. The proposed transfer of capacity would therefore occur exclusively within an established airline Group.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

We request the Commission consider this application against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in Paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement. Paragraph 4 criteria provides that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral air services agreement is of benefit to the public, provided that the carrier 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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