



**Australian Government**  
**International Air Services Commission**

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Mr Stephen Borthwick  
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*Stephen*  
Dear Mr Borthwick

The Commission has received an application from Australian Indian Ocean Territory Airlines (AIOTA) for an allocation of unlimited capacity on the Singapore route, with the intention of operating regular scheduled services between Christmas Island and Singapore. A copy of the public part of the application is attached. I understand that AIOTA has also lodged with the Department an application for an international airline licence.

I would be grateful for your advice as to whether the Department considers that AIOTA is reasonably capable of obtaining the designation, licensing and operational approvals necessary to operate scheduled services on the Singapore route. It would be helpful if you were able to provide a response by 9 November 2009.

Yours sincerely

*Michael Bird*

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Executive Director

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