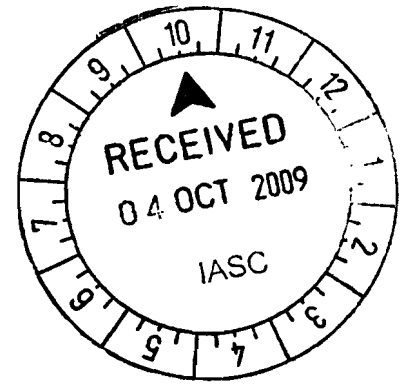


4 November 2009

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Dear Mr Bird *mike*

**Draft Determination [2009] IASC 131 and [2009] IASC 132 – Fiji Routes**

Qantas wrote to the Commission on 30 October 2009 expressing a range of comments and observations on the Draft Determination.

While we do not intend to comment on the generality of Qantas' letter the suggestion that V Australia will redeploy its B777-300ER to other routes when conditions improve is misleading and may leave an impression that we have misled the Commission as to our intentions on the Fiji route. That is not the case and our plans are clearly set down in our earlier submissions to the Commission.

The Virgin Blue Group has made a significant investment in the development of services to Fiji which have resulted in a more competitive and transparent market the benefits of which are clearly visible. The operation of services by V Australia is an important part of our long term growth strategy for Fiji and will remain so.

We believe the Draft Determination is balanced and addresses the core requirements set down in the Minister's Policy Statement.

Yours sincerely

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