



10 May 2010

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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 permit China Eastern Airlines to code share on Qantas' services between Australia and Singapore.

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

It is planned that the new code share arrangements with China Eastern Airlines, which will operate on a free sale basis, will commence on 1 June 2010, or as soon as all necessary operating approvals are received.

A copy of the amended code share agreement between Qantas and China Eastern Airlines is set out in Attachment 1 for your records. As there are confidentiality restrictions contained within the Agreement, this material is provided to the Commission on a strictly commercial-in-confidence basis.

The variation is requested for the duration of the determination.

A schedule of the planned services is set out in Attachment 2.



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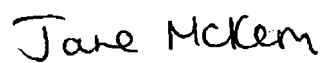
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### **IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations**

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.

Yours sincerely



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