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Mr Michael Bird *B 18/11/11*  
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 International Air Services Commission  
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Dear Mr Bird *Mike*

### Application for Variations – Fiji route

Pacific Blue Airlines Australia (Pacific Blue) is seeking a variation of its capacity allocations on the Fiji route to enable Virgin Blue International Airlines Pty Ltd trading as V Australia (V Australia) to code share on Pacific Blue's services between points in Australia and Nadi.

V Australia is already designated under the Australia-Fiji Air Services Agreement. We plan to implement this code share arrangement following consideration and approval of this application.

#### Variations sought

Pacific Blue requests variations to the following Determinations allocating capacity on the route to permit such capacity to be used to offer joint services with V Australia:

| Determination   | Allocation   |
|-----------------|--|
| [2007] IASC 119 | 1,260 seats on the Fiji route  |
| [2008] IASC 112 | 360 seats on the Fiji route  |
| [2008] IASC 117 | 360 seats on the Fiji route  |
| [2008] IASC 129 | 1,260 seats on the Fiji route  |
| [2009] IASC 109 | Unlimited capacity between points in Australia other than Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and authorised points in Fiji |
| [2009] IASC 131 | 907 seats on the Fiji route  |

These variations are requested for the remaining duration of each Determination.

#### IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

We request that 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.

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The Paragraph 4 criteria provide 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.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lee-Anne Tomkins on (02) 8093 7114.

Yours sincerely



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