



17 October 2013

Ms Marlene Tucker
Executive Director
International Air Services Commission
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Dear Ms Tucker

Application for Variation – Japan

Qantas and its wholly-owned subsidiary company, Jetstar Airways, operate services between Australia and Japan.

We note that the Register of Available Capacity has been updated to include unlimited frequencies for services between points in Australia and points in Japan, with the exception of services where fifth-freedom traffic rights are exercised to/from Narita Airport and services to/from Haneda Airport.

Qantas currently holds an allocation for unlimited passenger capacity for services between points in Australia and points in Japan other than Narita Airport and Haneda Airport (Determination 102/2012 as varied by Decision 220/2012).

Two additional allocations of capacity are also held, Determination 128/2011 (as varied by Decisions 205/2012 and 220/2012) and Determination 104/2013, totalling 49.5 units of capacity for passenger services between points in Australia and Narita Airport.

Qantas seeks to retain the capacity allocated by Determination 104/2013 to support services where fifth-freedom traffic rights are exercised to/from Narita Airport and requests an allocation of unlimited capacity for passenger services between points in Australia and points in Japan in accordance with the terms of the Australia-Japan air transport arrangements.

Variation Sought

Qantas requests a variation to Determination 102/2012 (as varied by Decision 220/2012) on the Japan route for unlimited capacity for passenger services between points in Australia and points in Japan, other than Haneda airport, in accordance with the terms of the Australia-Japan air transport arrangements.



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Within 10 working days of the variation being issued, Qantas will apply to the Commission for revocation of Determination 128/2011.

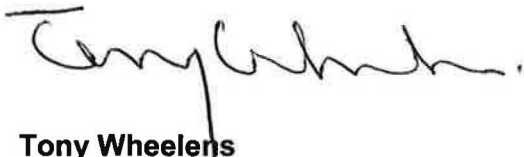
IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

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 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Wheelens', with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

Tony Wheelens
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