




3 February 2014

Ms Marlene Tucker  
Executive Director  
International Air Services Commission  
GPO Box 630  
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Dear Ms Tucker 

### **Application for Variation – New Zealand**

Qantas Airways (Qantas) and Japan Airlines plan to code share on the New Zealand route, whereby Japan Airlines intends to code share on selected flights operated by Qantas from 4 March 2014.

A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and Japan Airlines has been provided separately to the Commission.

#### Variation sought

Qantas requests a variation to Determination [2006] IASC 109 (as varied by Decisions [2008] IASC 211, [2009] IASC 202 and [2013] IASC 223) to add conditions permitting Japan Airlines to code share on Qantas operated services on the New Zealand route.

The variation is requested for the duration of the determination.

#### IASC Act and Minister's 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 under a bilateral arrangement is of benefit to the public, provided a carrier is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.



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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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Tony Wheelens**  
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