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Ms Marlene Tucker  
Executive Director  
International Air Services Commission  
PO Box 630  
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Dear Ms ~~Tucker~~ *Marlene*

### **Application for allocation of capacity – Hong Kong route**

Virgin Australia International Airlines Pty Ltd (Virgin Australia) wishes to apply for an allocation of capacity on the Hong Kong route. This capacity will enable Virgin Australia to commence services between Sydney and Hong Kong, using A330-200 aircraft.

#### **Allocation sought on the Hong Kong route**

Virgin Australia is seeking an allocation of seven frequencies per week on the Hong Kong route, on the basis that:

- the capacity will be utilised by Virgin Australia;
- the capacity may be utilised to provide services jointly with Hong Kong Airlines and Virgin Atlantic;
- the allocation is granted for a period of five years from the date of the determination; and
- the allocation will be fully utilised by 28 February 2019.

#### **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.

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 me on (02) 8093 7114.

Yours sincerely

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