



8 April 2016

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

Application for Capacity – China

Qantas is seeking an allocation of capacity on the China route, to enable the consolidation of multiple Determinations.

For flexibility, the ability for another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas, such as Jetstar Airways Pty Limited, to utilise capacity on the route is requested.

Allocation sought

Qantas holds the following Determinations under section 8 of the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992* (the Act) on the China route:

Determination [2011] IASC 113; and
Determination [2013] IASC 125.

Qantas is applying for a new Determination allocating 4,471 seats per week (the same number that it currently holds in total under the above Determinations) in each direction on the China route. This new Determination is intended to replace the above Determinations and is sought on the following basis:

- the allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the Determination;
- the capacity will be fully utilised by 30 April 2017;
- the capacity may be utilised by Qantas or another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas;



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- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide joint services with any wholly-owned subsidiary and by any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Qantas Group to provide joint services with Qantas; and
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with China Eastern.

Within 10 working days of the Determination being issued for the requested capacity, Qantas will seek revocation of Determinations 113/2011 and 125/2013.

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.

Yours sincerely,



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