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Dear Mr Bird

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Application for Variation – India route

Qantas is seeking a variation of its capacity allocation on the India route to enable Jetstar to code share on the Singapore-Mumbai vv sector of Qantas' three weekly services between India and Australia.

It is planned that the new code share arrangements will commence as soon as all the necessary approvals have been received.

Variations Sought

Qantas requests a variation to Determination 122/2008 which allocates 1,175 seats per week for passenger services on the India route, to permit the capacity to be used to hold out joint services with Jetstar or any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Qantas Group.

The variation is requested for the duration of the Determination.

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 criteria 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.



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Qantas has asked the Department of Infrastructure to approach India's aeronautical authorities to have Jetstar designated under the Australia-India Air Services Agreement.

We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require in support of this application.

Yours sincerely



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