



31 May 2010

Mr Michael Bird *MB 31/5.*  
Executive Director  
International Air Services Commission  
GPO Box 630  
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Dear Mr Bird

**Application for Capacity – Italy Route**

From 21 July 2010, or as soon as all necessary approvals have been received, Qantas proposes to expand its code share relationship with British Airways by commencing a code share on services between London and Rome, and London and Milan.

The code share will be a freesale arrangement whereby Qantas will set airfares and independently of British Airways.

Qantas will provide the Commission with a signed copy of the amendments to the code share agreement with British Airways when it is finalised, and before services commence.

**Allocation Sought**

Qantas seeks a determination allocating 400 third country code share seats per week of capacity on the Italy route on the following basis:

- the allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the determination;
- the allocation will be fully used by 31 July 2010; and
- the capacity may be used to code share with British Airways.



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**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.

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

Yours sincerely

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for

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