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Mr Michael Bird
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Dear Mr Bird

Application for Variation - China Route

Qantas plans to upgrade aircraft on selected services on the China route from Airbus 330 to Boeing 747 aircraft during the Northern Winter 2010 scheduling season.

Variation Sought

To support this upgrade, Qantas seeks a variation to Determination 121/2008 on the China route to increase the allocation of seats by 166 per week in each direction to 2,301 seats per week.

The variation is sought for the duration of the Determination.

As the upgrades are planned to commence in mid January, Qantas expects to be fully utilising the allocation by 30 January 2011.

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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