



7 February 2013

Ms Marlene Tucker  
A/g Executive Director  
International Air Services Commission  
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Dear Ms Tucker *Marlene*

### **Application for Variation – Thailand**

As part of a proposed global aviation partnership with Emirates, Qantas plans to code share on Emirates services on the Thailand route from 31 March 2013.

This request for variation is in addition to Qantas' letter of 23 January 2013, where Qantas sought an amendment to its request for renewal of third country code share capacity on the Thailand route.

A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and Emirates will be provided as soon as it is available, and prior to the commencement of the code share services.

### Variation Sought

Qantas requests a variation to Determination [2011] IASC 101, which allocates 14 third party code share services per week on the Thailand route, to add conditions enabling the capacity allocated to be utilised to provide services jointly with Emirates.

Qantas also requests as part of the variation that the conditions enabling the capacity allocated to be utilised to provide services jointly with Finnair be removed.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Wheelens", with a small flourish at the end.

**Tony Wheelens**  
Executive Manager  
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