



19 February 2013

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

Application for Capacity Allocation – France Route 3 (New Caledonia)

Qantas currently operates four services per week on France Route 3 (New Caledonia) using a combination of B767-300 and B737-800 aircraft.

We are seeking an allocation of capacity to accommodate aircraft substitution on the route.

Allocation Sought

Qantas requests an allocation of 150 seats per week on France Route 3 (New Caledonia) 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 31 March 2014;
- the capacity may be utilised by Qantas or another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas;
- the capacity may be used to provide joint services with Qantas or any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Qantas Group; and
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with Aircalin (Air Caledonie International).

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.



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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 long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tony Wheelens
Executive Manager
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