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Ms Marlene Tucker  
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Dear Ms Tucker

### Application for capacity allocation – Papua New Guinea route

Virgin Australia Airlines (SE Asia) Pty Ltd (Virgin Australia) intends to expand its operations on the Papua New Guinea route during peak periods, by offering supplementary services between Brisbane and Port Moresby. The first supplementary service will be operated on 2 April 2015 with a B737-800 aircraft.

#### Allocation sought

To facilitate the proposed expansion, Virgin Australia is seeking an allocation of 172 seats per week on the Papua New Guinea route on the following basis:

- the capacity will be utilised by Virgin Australia;
- the allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the determination; and
- the allocation will be used on an ad hoc basis to permit the operation of supplementary services during peak periods.

#### IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

Virgin Australia requests that the Commission consider this application against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in Paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

The Paragraph 4 criteria provide that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral air services agreement is of benefit to the public, provided that the carrier is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 8093 7114.

Yours sincerely



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