

## 18 September 2015

Ms Marlene Tucker Executive Director International Air Services Commission GPO Box 630 Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Ms Tucker,

Application for Variation – New Zealand

Qantas' wholly-owned subsidiary, Jetstar Airways Pty Limited (Jetstar), and LATAM Airlines Group (LATAM) plan to code share on the New Zealand route, whereby LATAM intends to code share on selected flights operated by Jetstar from 25 October 2015.

A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Jetstar and LATAM will be provided separately to the Commission.

## **Variation Sought**

Qantas seeks a variation to Determination [2014] IASC 102, allocating unlimited capacity and frequency, to add conditions allowing the capacity to be used by Jetstar for code share with LATAM on the New Zealand route.

The variation is requested for the duration of the Determination.

## **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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