

7 October 2015

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

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Dear Ms Tucker,

## Request for Capacity Allocation - Cook Islands

Qantas' wholly-owned subsidiary, Jetstar Airways Pty Limited (Jetstar) plans to operate scheduled services between Australia and the Cook Islands via New Zealand from March 2016. The services will be operated using an A320 aircraft configured with 180 seats.

## **Application Sought**

Qantas requests an allocation of 540 seats per week on the Cook Islands 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 29 October 2016;
- the capacity may be utilised by Qantas or another Australia carrier which is a whollyowned subsidiary of Qantas; and
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide joint services with any wholly-owned subsidiary and by any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Qantas Group to provide joint services with Qantas.

## **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 Australia 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Tony Wheelens** 

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