

19 February 2018

Marlene Tucker
Executive Director
International Air Services Commission
GPO Box 630
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Australia

Re: Qantas application to vary Determinations [2016] IASC 110, and [2014] IASC 105

Dear Ms Tucker,

I refer to the entry on the IASC web site, above subject, dated 16th February 2018, inviting submissions about this application.

As a person who travels from Port Moresby to both Brisbane and Cairns, I wish to register my support for the application.

As per my submission to the 2016 application, and my email of 8 June 2017, I urge the Commission to give favourable consideration to the application by Qantas to code share with Air Niugini between Port Moresby and Cairns.

In early to mid-2016 it was possible to purchase a Port Moresby Cairns return flight for around PGK1,000. Additionally, there was an afternoon flight option available between Cairns and Port Moresby. The cheapest presently available fare Port Moresby Cairns return, based on a random selection of dates looking forward as far as September 2018, appears to be around PGK1250. Additionally, there is no longer the option of an afternoon Cairns to Port Moresby flight.

I believe that approval of the proposed code share arrangement is desirable for this route as it will result in a choice of either Air Niugini or Qantas ticketing, and provide some incentive for price competitiveness.

Thank you and yours sincerely,



Michael Murphy