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Mr Michael Bird
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International Air Services Commission
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Dear Mr ~~Bird~~ *Mike*

Application for Capacity Allocation – Fiji Route

In our letter dated 20 August, the Qantas Group submitted its intention to apply for an allocation of capacity on the Fiji route which would comprise shelf capacity and a portion of the capacity for which V Australia applied on 12 August.

From April 2010, Qantas' wholly owned subsidiary, Jetstar Airways Pty Ltd (Jetstar), plans to commence services between Sydney and Nadi.

Jetstar is planning to operate these services seven times per week using a one-class A321-231 aircraft configured with 213 seats.

Qantas seeks an allocation of 1,491 seats per week on the Fiji route on the basis that capacity may be utilised by Qantas or another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas and may be used to provide joint services with Qantas or any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Qantas Group.

Paragraph 4 Criteria – Minister's Policy Statement

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.



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These state that the use of entitlements by an Australian 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

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