

## 2 September 2011

Ms Sue McIntosh Executive Director International Air Services Commission GPO Box 630 Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Ms McIntosh Sure

## **Application for Capacity - Chile Route**

Effective 26 March 2012, Qantas proposes to commence three times weekly non-stop services between Sydney and Santiago.

The services will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays using B747-400 aircraft.

## **Allocation sought**

Qantas seeks a determination allocating 1,119 seats per week of capacity on the Chile route on the following basis:

- the allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the determination:
- the capacity may be utilised by Qantas or another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas;
- the capacity may be used to provide joint services with Qantas or any whollyowned subsidiary of the Qantas Group;
- the allocation will be fully used by 31 October 2012.

## **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.



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

Yours sincerely

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