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Dear IASC

My name is Phil, I live in Victoria and am an avid Traveller. I am writing to you in regards to the Haneda airport slots that Qantas and Virgin are competing for.

As a Victorian I suggest that if Qantas only gets 1 slot that the Melbourne-Haneda service should be prioritised over a second Sydney to Haneda service.

Sydney already has 2 daily flights (QF and NH) to Haneda while Melbourne hasn't got any yet.

It won't be just Victorian's that benefit but also South Australians and Tasmanian's as Melbourne Airport is a much more pleasant airport to transit through than Sydney or Brisbane for that matter.

I also object to Virgin receiving any slot because Virgin has not indicated how they'll use the capacity. They only have 6 a330s and 5 777 aircraft with no intention of ordering anymore aircraft.

Virgin also has had a very patchy record of maintaining international destinations. They failed with Abu Dhabi and Johannesburg and their making losses on their Pacific and Hong Kong services. Who's to say that they won't fail with their Haneda services if they got the approval to fly them.

Japan has been very profitable for Qantas and they have the aircraft needed for the Haneda routes which is why I suggest that Qantas takes the slots or at least have a MEL-HND prioritised.

If Virgin really wanted to do Japan so badly they could have always trialled by doing NRT flights but haven't done so. It feels that Virgin all the sudden wanting to fly to Haneda is just to spite Qantas who've always wanted to increase their capacity to Haneda.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note. I look forward to seeing the results of the slot allocation.

From Phil. Please email me back on this address if need be.

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