



9 August 2017

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

Via email: [Marlene.Tucker@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Marlene.Tucker@infrastructure.gov.au)

Dear Ms Tucker,

#### **Application for Variation – Various Routes**

As part of a code share agreement between Qantas and El Al Airlines (EL AL), it is proposed that EL AL will offer code share services on flights operated by Qantas on the Hong Kong, Thailand and South Africa routes from 4 September 2017.

A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and EL AL will be provided separately to the Commission.

#### **Variations Sought**

Qantas requests a variation to the following determinations to permit the utilisation of capacity for code share services with EL AL on the Hong Kong, Thailand and South Africa routes:

- Hong Kong – Determination [2015] IASC 115;
- Thailand – Determination [2017] IASC 108; and
- South Africa – Determination [2012] IASC 106 and Determination [2017] IASC 102.

The variations are requested for the duration of the determinations.

#### **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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Garnett".

**Rohan Garnett**  
Executive Manager, International Affairs

