

## DECISION

**DECISION:** IASC/DEC/9829  
**VARIATION OF:** IASC/DET/9715  
**THE ROUTE:** FIJI  
**THE APPLICANT:** QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED  
(ACN 009 661 901)  
**PUBLIC REGISTER FILES:** IASC/APP/98030  
IASC/COM/92005

### The application

1.1 On 4 November 1998, an application was received from Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) for a variation of its existing determination (Determination IASC/DET/9715) allocating Qantas capacity on the Fiji route. Qantas has requested that the units of capacity be varied to take account of changes in the method of describing capacity and route entitlements under the Australia – Fiji air services arrangements.

1.2 Variations to determinations are made by the Commission in accordance with the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992* (the Act), and the Minister's Policy Statement (No 3 of 23 April 1997) which was issued under section 11 of the Act.

1.3 Under section 24 of the Act, the Commission must either make a decision confirming the determination or varying the determination in a way that gives effect to the variation requested in the application.

1.4 In relation to the variation sought by Qantas, the airline has requested that the allocation of the equivalent of four B747 services per week in each direction under Determination IASC/DET/9715 be varied to read 1,600 seats per week in each direction.

1.5 The revised air services arrangements do not contain a conversion formula for calculating the conversion of B747 units to seats. However, by applying a generally accepted conversion formula of one B747 being equivalent to 400 seats, the Commission's calculation of four B747 units of capacity being equivalent to 1,600 seats accords with that of Qantas.

1.6 The Commission therefore concludes that it would be appropriate for Determination IASC/DET/9715 to be varied to reflect the manner in which capacity is now expressed under the current Australia – Fiji air services arrangements.

## **Decision (IASC/DEC/9829)**

1.7 In accordance with section 24(3) of the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992*, the Commission makes the following variation to Determination IASC/DET/9715 as requested by Qantas:

- in paragraph 9.2, *replacing* “the equivalent of four B747 services” with “1,600 seats”.

Dated: 21 December 1998

Russell V Miller  
Chairman

Michael L Lawriwsky  
Member

Stephen Lonergan  
Member