



10 February 2023

Ms Jasmina Ackar
Director
International Air Services Commission
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Via email: Jasmina.Ackar@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Ms Ackar,

APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – COOK ISLANDS ROUTE

From 4 July 2023, Qantas' wholly-owned subsidiary, Jetstar Airways Pty Limited (Jetstar) plans to add a third weekly service between Australia and the Cook Islands.

The additional Sydney-Rarotonga service will be operated using Airbus A321neo LR aircraft configured with 232 seats. The flight schedule is provided below –

Flight number	Departs	Arrives	Frequency
JQ141 Sydney-Rarotonga	21:30	07:00	Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday
JQ142 Rarotonga-Sydney	09:00	12:30 ⁺¹	

Allocation Sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of 232 seats per week in each direction on the Cook Islands route on the following basis:

- the allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the determination;
- the capacity will be fully utilised by 31 July 2023;
- the capacity may be utilised by Qantas, Jetstar or another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas; and
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide joint services with any wholly-owned subsidiary and by any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Qantas Group to provide joint services with Qantas.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

We request that this application be considered against the 'reasonable capability criterion' as defined in section 8 of the Minister's Policy Statement.



We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require.

Yours sincerely,

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Anna Pritchard

Executive Manager, Government, Industry & Competition