

24 June 2022

Ms Marlene Tucker Executive Director International Air Services Commission 111 Alinga Street CANBERRA ACT 2600

Via email: marlene.tucker@infrastructure.gov.au / iasc@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Ms Tucker,

### **RE: APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – SOUTH AFRICA**

From 1 November 2022, Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) plans to expand its operations to South Africa with the addition of three (x3) scheduled services per week between Perth and Johannesburg.

Below is a copy of the published schedule and attached is the media statement announcing the decision to launch operations on the Perth-Johannesburg route on an ongoing basis.

## QANTAS INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULE JOHANNESBURG – NORTHERN WINTER 2022/23

A/L	FLT #	From	То	Freq	STC	A/C Type	Dep	STD	+/-	Arr	STA	+/-	Config
QF	63	30-Oct-22	29-Jan-23	1234567	J	7891	SYD	9:35		JNB	14:35		JWY
QF	63	30-Jan-23	5-Mar-23	12345.7	J	7891	SYD	9:35		JNB	14:35		JWY
QF	63	6-Mar-23	25-Mar-23	1234567	J	7891	SYD	9:35		JNB	14:35		JWY
QF	64	30-Oct-22	29-Jan-23	1234567	J	7891	JNB	16:35		SYD	13:25	1	JWY
QF	64	30-Jan-23	5-Mar-23	12345.7	J	7891	JNB	16:35		SYD	13:25	1	JWY
QF	64	6-Mar-23	25-Mar-23	1234567	J	7891	JNB	16:35		SYD	13:25	1	JWY
QF	65	1-Nov-22	25-Mar-23	.2.4.6.	J	332L	PER	15:00		JNB	20:15		JY
QF	66	1-Nov-22	25-Mar-23	.2.4.6.	J	332L	JNB	22:00		PER	13:55	1	JY

These flights will operate in addition to Qantas' existing daily service on the Sydney-Johannesburg per capacity allocated under Determination [2022] IASC 107.

# Allocation sought:

Qantas requests an additional allocation of three (x3) frequencies per week on the South Africa route on the following basis:

- the allocation is requested for a period of 5-years from the date of the determination; and
- the capacity will be fully utilised by 25 March 2023 [end of Northern Winter 2022/23].



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

Yours sincerely,

**Trent L Mumford** 

Head of International Affairs and Partnerships



# Media Release

# QANTAS TO EXPAND PERTH GATEWAY WITH FLIGHTS TO JOHANNESBURG AND JAKARTA

**Perth, 24 June 2022:** Qantas will significantly boost its international network from Perth with flights to Johannesburg and Jakarta set to take off later this year.

The routes are the latest of eight new international services the national carrier has announced since Australia's international borders re-opened in November 2021.

Both routes are being supported by the Western Australian Government's Reconnect WA package and Qantas will work with Tourism Western Australia to boost inbound tourism from both South Africa and Indonesia into Perth and regional WA, and with the cooperation of Perth Airport.

# **Johannesburg**

From 1 November, Qantas will operate the only direct service from Perth to South Africa, operating three return flights per week on its Airbus A330 aircraft.

The flights will cut more than six hours from the fastest current travel time, with customers heading to Johannesburg from Perth currently having to fly on Qantas via Sydney, or via the Middle East.

With a large South African community in Perth, the flights are expected to be popular with people visiting family and friends as well as business and leisure travellers. The route will also offer convenient one-stop connections for people travelling to and from other Australian cities.

Qantas' existing four flights per week from Sydney to Johannesburg on its Boeing 787 aircraft have had strong bookings since they recommenced in January this year and will increase to daily from 30 October.

#### Jakarta

From 30 November, Qantas flights will reconnect Perth with Jakarta for the first time since borders closed in March 2020, beginning with three flights per week on its Boeing 737 aircraft.

It is the first time that Qantas has operated the route which will support the growing trade and tourism links between Australia and Indonesia.

The route is also expected to be popular with travellers connecting to other major Indonesian cities such as Surabaya and Medan.

### **CEO** comments

Speaking in Perth with Western Australian Premier Mark McGowan and Perth Airport CEO Kevin Brown, Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce said the new routes marked a major expansion of the airline's international network from Perth.

"Western Australia has become an increasingly important part of our international network and we're really excited to be launching two more routes from Perth," Mr Joyce said.





"International travel demand continues to rebound as people make up for two years of closed borders. Our direct flights from Perth to London and Rome are selling really strongly, which gives us the confidence to add new routes from our western hub.

"Indonesia is a rapidly growing economy that's home to more than 270 million people and these new flights will open up more trade and investment opportunities and a new gateway for travellers looking to explore Indonesia."

"There's a big South African population that lives in Western Australia and this will be great for people travelling in both directions to see family and friends. It will also help support the economic ties between Australia and South Africa."

The addition of Johannesburg and Jakarta will mean Qantas will operate international flights from Perth to five destinations including London, Rome, and Singapore.

Fares for Perth-Johannesburg flights go on sale today starting from \$1800 return. Fares for Perth-Jakarta go on sale today from \$870 return.

Since borders have reopened, Qantas has now announced eight new international routes, including Perth to Rome, Darwin to Dili, Sydney to Seoul and Bengaluru, and Melbourne to Delhi and Dallas.

Flights are subject to government and regulatory approval.

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