

Australian Government

International Air Services Commission

Mr Jim Wolfe Assistant Secretary International Branch International, Technology and Services Division Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Dear Mr Wolfe

The International Air Services Commission received an application from Tasman Cargo Airlines Pty Ltd seeking the allocation of five return frequencies to operate freight services between Australia and Hong Kong.

Tasman Cargo has been operating scheduled freight services across the Tasman. Its proposed services on the Hong Kong route will be in addition to its five services per week between Sydney and Auckland.

As Tasman Cargo is a new operator on the Hong Kong route, the Commission would appreciate advice from the Department on whether the carrier is reasonably capable of 'obtaining licences, permits or other approvals (such as being a designated Australian carrier under the Australia- Hong Kong air services arrangement) to operate and service the route'. Attached is a copy of the Tasman Cargo application for reference.

Thank you for your kind attention. We look forward to your advice on or before 12 March 2021.

Yours sincerely

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Marlene Tucker Executive Director

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