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Jasmina Ackar  
Director  
International Air Services Commission  
Via email: [Jasmina.Ackar@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Jasmina.Ackar@infrastructure.gov.au)

Dear Ms Ackar,

### Re. RENEWAL DETERMINATIONS

I refer to your recent correspondence regarding the following determinations allocating capacity to Virgin Australia International Airlines ("Virgin Australia"), which are set to expire in October 2025.

- Determination [2019] IASC 122
- Determination [2019] IASC 125

#### **Bangladesh route – [2019] IASC 122**

Virgin Australia was granted Determination [2019] IASC 122 on 26 November 2019, allowing five weekly frequencies on the Australia – Bangladesh route. This capacity has been utilised through a code share partnership with Singapore Airlines, offering flights to Dhaka via Singapore. Although Virgin Australia's code share services with Singapore Airlines were paused in March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they resumed operations in November 2022.

Virgin Australia is seeking a five-year renewal of this determination, with the retention of existing conditions as previous set by the Commission.

#### **Thailand – [2019] IASC 125**

Virgin Australia currently holds Determination [2019] IASC 125, which was issued on 29 November 2019 and grants seven weekly code share frequencies on each direction on the Thailand route.

This arrangement, which is a renewal of Determination [2024] IASC 117, enables code share services with Singapore Airlines. While the code share arrangement with Singapore Airlines was suspended due to the pandemic, services resumed in November 2022.

Virgin Australia seeks a five-year renewal of Determination [2019] IASC 125 to continue code share services exclusively with Singapore Airlines, rather than retaining all existing conditions. As part of this renewal, Virgin Australia requests the removal of the provision for code share services with Silk Airways, which was included in the previous determination.

#### **IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations**

Virgin Australia respectfully requests that the Commission considers this application under section 25(1) of the International Air Services Commission Act (IASC) 1992 and the 'reasonable capability criterion' outlined in section 8 of the Minister's Policy Statement.



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Should the IASC require any further information on these requests, please let me know. Virgin Australia thanks the Commission for its consideration of these matters.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Beckett".

**Stephen Beckett**  
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