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Dear Ms Tucker, Mulline

Application for Variation - Papua New Guinea

Qantas is seeking variations to allocations of capacity on the Papua New Guinea route, to enable the consolidation of multiple Determinations.

For flexibility, the ability for another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas, such as Jetstar Airways Pty Limited, to utilise capacity on the route is requested.

Allocation sought

Qantas holds the following Determinations under section 8 of the *International Air Services*Commission Act 1992 (the Act) on the Papua New Guinea route:

Determination [2011] IASC 132; and Determination [2014] IASC 105.

The above Determinations allocate Qantas a total of 1,888 seats per week for passenger services on the Papua New Guinea route.

Qantas requests a variation to Determination 105/2014, which allocates 888 seats per week, to increase the allocation by 1,000 seats per week to a total of 1,888 seats per week on the Papua New Guinea route.

As part of the variation, Qantas requests the following conditions to be included in the consolidated Determination:

 the capacity may be utilised by Qantas or another Australian carrier which is a whollyowned subsidiary of Qantas;



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- 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; and
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with Air Niugini.

The variation is requested for the duration of the Determination.

As this variation is intended to replace the remaining Determination above, we seek a variation to Determination 132/2011 to amend the expiry date to the date when the variation to Determination 105/2014 takes effect.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

This application should be considered against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

These state that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral arrangement is of benefit to the public, provided that it is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.

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

Yours sincerely,

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