



18 December 2012

Ms Marlene Tucker  
A/g Executive Director  
International Air Services Commission  
GPO Box 630  
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Dear Ms ~~Tucker~~ *Marlene*

### **Application for Variation – Italy Route**

Qantas plans to code share with Emirates on the Italy route, with the new code share arrangements commencing from 31 March 2013.

Under the code share arrangements, Qantas will operate services between Australia and Dubai and code share on Emirates' services between Dubai and Milan.

A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and Emirates will be provided as soon as it is available, and prior to the commencement of the code share services.

### Variation Sought

Qantas requests a variation to Determination [2010] IASC 104, which allocates 400 seats on the Italy route, to enable Qantas to code share on Emirates.

The variation is requested for the duration of the determination.

### 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.



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We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require in support of this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Wheelens", followed by a period.

**Tony Wheelens**  
Executive Manager  
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