



5 July 2018

Ms Marlene Tucker
Executive Director
International Air Services Commission
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Dear Ms Tucker,

Application for Capacity – New Caledonia route

From 12 December 2018, Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) plans to operate one additional weekly service between Australia and New Caledonia using Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

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 seeks an allocation of 100 seats per week on the New Caledonia route on the following basis:

- the allocation is for a period of five years from the date of the determination;
- the capacity will be fully used by 30 January 2019;
- the capacity may be utilised by Qantas or another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas;
- the capacity may be used to 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 Aircalin.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

We request that this application be considered against the reasonable capability criterion for assessing the benefit to the public in Paragraph 8 of the International Air Services Commission Policy Statement 2018.

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,

Megan Morris
Acting Head of International Affairs

