



Australian Government

International Air Services Commission

Mr Rod Sims
Chair
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
23 Marcus Clarke Street
Canberra ACT 2601
(Sent via email)

Dear Mr Sims

The Australian and Japanese civil aviation authorities recently negotiated an increase of two frequencies per day for Australian carriers to operate between Australia and Tokyo-Haneda Airport.

By way of background, Qantas currently operates the single daily service to Tokyo-Haneda currently available to Australian carriers, with its other direct services operating to Tokyo-Narita and Osaka-Kansai Airports. Virgin Australia has no operations on the Japan route at this time.

On 16 September 2019 Qantas applied for both of the incremental services, and the IASC invited other applications as required by the International Air Services Commission Act 1992. On 24 September 2019, Virgin Australia applied for one frequency.

As there are competing applications for the limited capacity to operate to Tokyo-Haneda Airport, the Commission would like to invite the ACCC to comment on these competing applications. Copies of the Qantas and Virgin applications are attached.

Mindful of the requirement for these capacity entitlements to be allocated by 31 October 2019, the IASC has shortened the timelines for consultation. In light of this, we would appreciate it if the ACCC could provide its comments by 2 October 2019.

Should you wish to discuss any matter set out in this letter, please feel free to contact the Executive Director, Ms Marlene Tucker me on (02) 6267 1107 or by email at Marlene.Tucker@infrastructure.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DR IAN DOUGLAS', written over a horizontal line.

DR IAN DOUGLAS
Chairperson
25 September 2019