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Mr Michael Bird  
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Dear Mr Bird *Mike*

**Draft Determination [2009] IASC 131 Fiji**

We welcome the Draft Determination of the Commission to allocate 907 seats each way each week on the Fiji route to V Australia. We note V Australia has met the Paragraph 5 criteria and that the allocation of this capacity to V Australia is seen by the Commission to be in the public interest.

In paragraph 6.26 of the draft Determination, the Commission discusses avenues available to V Australia to enable it to operate daily services between Australia and Fiji. In the event the draft Determination is ratified, we wish to confirm the request made in our letter of 12 August 2009 that Determination [2008] IASC 129 be varied to enable the transfer of 1260 seats allocated to Pacific Blue Airlines (Australia) Pty Ltd (PBA) to V Australia. Further, to enable V Australia to operate daily services as proposed in our application we now seek the agreement of the Commission to transfer to V Australia a further 360 seats allocated to PBA in Determination [2008] IASC 117. As previously advised, this capacity was originally intended to accommodate growth in the Brisbane and Melbourne – Fiji markets. Both PBA and V Australia are wholly owned subsidiaries of Virgin Blue Holdings Limited. The proposed transfer of capacity would therefore occur exclusively within an established airline Group.

Subject to the final Determination, V Australia proposes to commence daily services to Fiji within the time frame proposed in the draft Determination. We look forward to confirmation of the draft Determination and to the agreement of the Commission to the transfer of capacity from PBA to enable the operation of daily services by V Australia.

Yours sincerely

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