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Dear Ms Tucker, Marlene

Application for Capacity - Philippines route

Qantas plans to add an additional frequency to its current passenger services on the Sydney-Manila route from 28 October 2018, increasing from six to seven services per week.

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 for 152 seats per week on the Philippines route on the following basis:

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

## **IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations**

We request this application should 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,

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