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Ms Marlene Tucker
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International Air Services Commission
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Dear Ms ~~Tucker~~, *Marlene*

Application for Variation – New Zealand route

Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) and China Airlines plan to extend their code share arrangements to include flights operated by Qantas on the New Zealand route from 1 June 2018.

A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and China Airlines will be provided separately to the Commission.

Variation Sought

Qantas requests a variation to Determination [2014] IASC 102 (as varied) to permit the utilisation of capacity for code share services with China Airlines on the New Zealand route. The variation is requested for the duration of the determination.

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,

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