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Dear Ms Tucker,

I am writing in relation to our recent submission on the Tokyo Haneda slot allocation process.

As a result of some subsequent commentary regarding the submission, Tourism Australia issued a public statement on 3 October 2019 to clarify our position (refer attached).

Whilst I acknowledge that the deadline for submissions has now passed, I would like to share this statement with the International Air Services Commission (IASC).

As we make clear in the statement, Tourism Australia fully supports the independence of the IASC process in ultimately determining the allocation of these slots.

Yours sincerely,



Phillipa Harrison  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

## TOURISM AUSTRALIA STATEMENT ON HANEDA SLOTS

3 October 2019

“I note commentary regarding the submission Tourism Australia provided earlier this week to the International Air Services Commission (IASC) in relation to the allocation of Haneda slots. Some of this commentary has suggested that Tourism Australia has taken sides in this matter,” said Tourism Australia Chair, Bob East.

“On behalf of Tourism Australia, I make clear that this is absolutely not the case. Tourism Australia supports the independence of the IASC process in ultimately determining the allocation of these slots and, given the additional slots available, welcomes the fact that any allocation decision will provide valuable additional access into Australia.

“We have deep and long-standing ties with Qantas and Virgin Australia and work closely with both airlines in joint marketing activities. We also work with numerous other airlines globally in marketing Australia, working with 16 different carriers in the last year. We do this as we believe this is the best way of serving the interests of Australian tourism,” Mr East said.

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