



## **Australian Government**

### **International Air Services Commission**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Resolution:** [2021] IASC R01  
**Determination:** [2019] IASC 118  
**The Route:** Japan  
**The Applicant:** Qantas Airways Limited  
(ACN 009 661 901 / ABN 16 009 661 901)  
**Public register file:** IASC/APP/202104

On 28 October 2019, the International Air Services Commission (the Commission) issued Determination [2019] IASC 118 (the Determination) allocating one frequency per day in each direction to Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) on the Japan route to serve Tokyo-Haneda Airport. The Determination includes several conditions including the requirement for the capacity to be utilised from no later than 29 March 2020 or from such other date approved by the Commission.

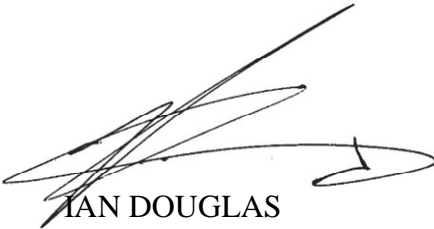
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic impacts, including current travel restrictions put in place by the Australian Government in March 2020, Qantas was not able to commence the new services to and from Tokyo-Haneda as originally planned. In light of this, upon the request of Qantas, the Commission issued Resolutions [2020] IASC R06 and [2020] IASC R08 extending the date of commencement of use of the capacity by Qantas. On 11 March 2021, Qantas wrote to the Commission seeking a further extension of the date of commencing the utilisation of the capacity from 31 March 2021 to 31 October 2021.

Qantas stated in its application that the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Greg Hunt MP announced on 3 March 2021 that international borders would remain closed until at least 17 June 2021, and that Qantas received further guidance that international borders are likely to remain closed until the COVID-19 vaccine is rolled out across the Australian population (October 2021).

The Commission recognises that the COVID-19 pandemic and associated travel restrictions imposed by various countries, has seriously disrupted the international operations of airlines worldwide.

In light of these extraordinary circumstances, the Commission issues Resolution [2021] IASC R01 to provide that the capacity issued under Determination [2019] IASC 118 is to be utilised from no later than 31 October 2021, or such other date approved by the Commission. The Commission will continue to monitor the airline's ability to utilise the capacity on the route.

Dated: 23 March 2021



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Chairperson



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Commissioner