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Dear Ms Ackar,

### **APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – SOLOMON ISLANDS ROUTE**

From 29 October 2023, Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) plans to commence scheduled services between Australia and the Solomon Islands.

Qantas will operate three flights per week between Brisbane and Honiara using Embraer E190 aircraft configured with 94 seats. The flight schedule is provided below.

Flight details	Departs	Arrives	Frequency
QF357 Brisbane-Honiara	0905	1325	Monday, Friday, Sunday
QF358 Honiara-Brisbane	1420	1630	

### **Allocation Sought**

Qantas seeks an allocation of 282 seats per week in each direction on the Solomon Islands route on the following basis:

- for a period of five years from the date of the determination;
- the capacity will be fully utilised by 31 December 2023;
- the capacity may be utilised by Qantas, Jetstar 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 that this application be considered against the ‘reasonable capability criterion’ as defined in section 8 of the Minister’s Policy Statement.



We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A Pritchard", enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

**Anna Pritchard**

Executive Manager, Government, Industry & Competition