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Ms Jasmina Ackar
Director
International Air Services Commission
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By email: Jasmina.Ackar@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Ms Ackar,

APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – SAMOA ROUTE

Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) is currently operating passenger services on the Samoa route in accordance with Determination [2022] IASC 125 which allocates Qantas 594 seats of capacity per week. From 10 December 2024, Qantas plans to increase services during periods of peak demand.

Qantas proposes to operate up to an additional three services per week between Brisbane and Apia. The services will be operated using Boeing 737 aircraft configured with 174 seats. The proposed flight schedule is provided in Attachment 1.

Allocation Sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of 450 seats per week in each direction on the Samoa route with the capacity to be fully utilised by 4 January 2025. The allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the determination.

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 requires.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Pritchard
Executive Manager, Government, Industry & Competition



ATTACHMENT 1

Flight	Eff Date	Dis Date	Additional Services	Dept Arp	Dept Time	Arvl Arp	Arrv Time
QF197	10-Dec-24	14-Dec-24	Tue, Sat	BNE	22:00	APW	06:00 +1
QF198	11-Dec-24	14-Dec-24	Wed	APW	07:30	BNE	10:05
QF197	15-Dec-24	21-Dec-24	Tue, Sat	BNE	22:00	APW	06:00 +1
QF198	15-Dec-24	21-Dec-24	Sun, Wed	APW	07:30	BNE	10:05
QF197	22-Dec-24	28-Dec-24	Thu, Sat	BNE	22:00	APW	06:00 +1
QF198	22-Dec-24	28-Dec-24	Sun, Fri	APW	07:30	BNE	10:05
QF197	29-Dec-24	4-Jan-25	Sun, Tue, Sat	BNE	22:00	APW	06:00 +1
QF198	29-Dec-24	4-Jan-25	Sun, Mon, Wed	APW	07:30	BNE	10:05
QF197	5-Jan-25	11-Jan-25	Tue, Sat	BNE	22:00	APW	06:00 +1
QF198	5-Jan-25	11-Jan-25	Sun, Wed	APW	07:30	BNE	10:05
QF198	12-Jan-25	12-Jan-25	Sun	APW	07:30	BNE	10:05