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Dear Ms Ackar,

### APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY– TONGA ROUTE

Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) is currently operating passenger services on the Tonga route in accordance with Determination [2022] IASC 124 which allocates Qantas 348 seats of capacity per week. From 19 December 2024, Qantas plans to increase passenger services during periods of peak demand.

Qantas proposes to operate an additional weekly service between Sydney and Nuku'alofa. The service will be operated using Boeing 737 aircraft configured with 174 seats. The proposed flight schedule is provided below.

Flight	Eff Date	Dis Date	Dept Arp	Dept Time	Arvl Arp	Arrv Time	Additional Service
QF189	19-Dec-24	16-Jan-25	SYD	08:55	TBU	15:35	Thursday
QF190	19-Dec-24	16-Jan-25	TBU	16:40	SYD	20:00	

### Allocation Sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of 174 seats per week in each direction on the Tonga route with capacity to be fully utilised by 30 December 2024. 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

