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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 – SOLOMON ISLANDS ROUTE

Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) is currently operating passenger services on the Solomon Islands route in accordance with Determination [2023] IASC 121 which allocates Qantas 291 seats of capacity per week.

From 5 June 2024, Qantas plans to increase scheduled services to operate an additional weekly service between Brisbane and Honiara. The service will be operated by Embraer E190 aircraft configured with 97 seats under a wet lease agreement with Alliance Airlines. The proposed schedule is provided below.

| Flight details | Departs | Arrives | Schedule |
|------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| QF357 Brisbane-Honiara | 0905 | 1325 | Wednesday |
| QF358 Honiara-Brisbane | 1420 | 1630 | |

Allocation Sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of 97 seats per week in each direction on the Solomon Islands route with capacity to be fully utilised by 12 June 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

