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Dear Ms Ackar

### **CAPACITY APPLICATION – VANUATU ROUTE**

Virgin Australia International Airlines Pty Ltd (Virgin Australia) wishes to apply for an additional capacity allocation between Vanuatu and Australia. Virgin Australia plans to operate this additional capacity using Boeing 737 aircraft.

The additional capacity will support:

- Frequency growth between Australia and Vanuatu for the NS24 and NW24 scheduling seasons commencing in July 2024
- A configuration increase from 176 to 182 seats on Virgin Australia's B737 fleet

### **Allocation Sought**

Virgin Australia is seeking an allocation of 1,304 seats per week on the Vanuatu route, allowing an additional 7 services per week on the basis that:

- (a) The capacity will be utilised by Virgin Australia;
- (b) The allocation is granted for a period of five years from the date of the determination;
- (c) The allocation will be fully utilised by 31 December 2024

Virgin Australia requests the assessment of this application in accordance with the 'reasonable capability criterion' outlined in section 8 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

This state that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral arrangement is of benefit to the public, provided that it is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.

We are happy to provide any additional information that the Commission may require. Please do not hesitate to contact me on +61 437 935 471 if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Beckett".

**Stephen Beckett**  
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