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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 – VANUATU ROUTE

Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) and its wholly-owned subsidiary Jetstar Airways Pty Ltd (Jetstar) plan to launch scheduled passenger services on the Vanuatu route.

From August 2024, Qantas plans to operate services utilising a combination of Qantas' Boeing 737 aircraft configured with 174 seats and Embraer E190 aircraft configured with 97 seats under a wet-lease arrangement with Alliance Airlines. During periods of peak demand, Qantas plans to operate up to five weekly services using the Boeing 737.

From October 2024, Jetstar plans to operate up to four weekly services using Airbus A321 NEO aircraft configured with 232 seats.

Allocation Sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of 1,798 seats per week in each direction on the Vanuatu 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 2024;
- 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 requires.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Pritchard', written in a cursive style.

Anna Pritchard

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