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Mrs Jasmina Morling
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International Air Services Commission
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Dear Mrs Morling,

APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – COOK ISLANDS

From 18 May 2026, Qantas' wholly-owned subsidiary, Jetstar Airways Pty Limited (Jetstar) plans to launch new Brisbane-Rarotonga services on the Cook Islands route.

This new service will operate three times per week, providing more than 50,000 seats to and from Rarotonga each year. Flights will be operated on Jetstar's modern and fuel-efficient A321neo LR aircraft, configured with 232 seats. The proposed flight schedule for the services is provided below.

Flight #	Frequency	Dep	Dep Time	Arr	Arr Time	Subfleet
JQ105	1..4.6.	BNE	22:20	RAR	08:30	32Q
JQ104	1..4.6.	RAR	10:00	BNE	12:10+1	32Q

Allocation Sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of 696 seats per week on the Cook Islands route on the following basis:

- For a period of five years from the date of the Determination;
- The capacity will be fully utilised by 30 June 2026;
- 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,

Megan Morris
Head of International Affairs

