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Mrs Jasmina Morling Director International Air Services Commission GPO BOX 630 CANBERRA ACT 2601

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Dear Mrs Morling,

## **APPLICATION FOR VARIATION - NEW ZEALAND ROUTE**

From 1 November 2025, or as soon as all necessary approvals have been received, Qantas Airways Limited (**Qantas**) plans to launch new code share arrangements with its partner airline Malaysia Airlines on the New Zealand route.

The codeshare arrangements will provide Malaysia Airlines' customers the ability to connect over Australia to New Zealand with an expanded network of travel options and a seamless travel experience.

Malaysia Airlines plans to place its MH code on the following Qantas operated services on the New Zealand route:

SYD-AKL	Sydney - Auckland
SYD-WLG	Sydney - Wellington
SYD-CHC	Sydney - Christchurch
SYD-ZQN	Sydney - Queenstown
BNE-WLG	Brisbane - Wellington
BNE-CHC	Brisbane - Christchurch
MEL-CHC	Melbourne - Christchurch
MEL-AKL	Melbourne - Auckland

Qantas, as the operating carrier, intends to provide Malaysia Airlines with access to available inventory on a free sale basis. A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and Malaysia Airlines will be provided separately to the Commission.

## Variation sought

Qantas seeks to vary Determination [2023] IASC 123 (the Determination) on the New Zealand route to permit Malaysia Airlines to code share on its operated services. The variation is requested for the duration 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,

Megan Monis

**Megan Morris** 

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