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Mrs Jasmina Morling
Director
International Air Services Commission
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By email: Jasmina.MORLING@iasc.gov.au

Dear Mrs Morling,

APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – SOLOMON ISLANDS

Qantas Airways Limited (**Qantas**) currently operates passenger services on the Solomon Islands route in accordance with Determination [2023] IASC 121 and Determination [2024] IASC 109, which allocate a total of 388 seats of capacity per week.

From 29 March 2026, Qantas plans 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 #	Frequency	Dep	Dep Time	Arr	Arr Time	Subfleet
QF357	.2.....	BNE	11:30	HIR	15:45	E190
QF358	.2.....	HIR	16:45	BNE	19:00	E190

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 30 June 2026. 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,

Megan Morris
Head of Group International Regulatory Affairs

