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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 – CANADA ROUTE

In November 2024, Australia's air services arrangements with Canada were amended to include unrestricted capacity for passenger services from the start of Northern Summer 2026 scheduling season. With the Northern Summer 2026 scheduling season commencing on 29 March 2026, Qantas Airways Limited (**Qantas**) seeks a new determination on the Canada route to reflect this update.

Qantas operates up to daily flights between Sydney and Vancouver on the Canada route using Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft configured with 236 seats. Qantas currently utilises its capacity on the Canada route to provide code share services with American Airlines and WestJet Airlines, providing a range of choices and benefits for consumers.

Allocation sought

Qantas is applying for a new Determination under section 7 of the Act allocating it unrestricted passenger capacity on the Canada route for a period of 99 years. This will replace Determination [2023] IASC 133 and Determination [2025] IASC 108 on the Canada route.

Qantas is also requesting that the new Determination include conditions under section 15(1)(e) of the Act to allow American Airlines and WestJet Airlines to code share on Qantas-operated flights between Australia and Canada. The ability for capacity to 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 is also requested.

If Qantas is allocated the capacity that it seeks under the new Determination, it will seek revocation under section 27AA of the Act of the above Determinations which currently allocate capacity to it on this route.

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. Qantas is an established international carrier which currently operates scheduled international services between Australia and Canada.



We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission requires.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Morris". The signature is written in a cursive style. To the right of the signature is a vertical line.

Megan Morris
Head of Group Regulatory International Affairs