



14 September 2026

Mrs Jasmina Morling
Director
International Air Services Commission
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Dear Mrs Morling,

APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – PALAU

From 2 December 2026, Qantas Airways Limited (**Qantas**) plans to operate an additional weekly return service between Brisbane and Koror, Palau, resulting in two return services per week over the peak season.

Qantas has signed a new agreement with the Federal Government to continue operating the Palau Paradise Express. The service, which Qantas launched with one weekly flight in December 2024, has opened up a new leisure market for Australians and has carried more than 15,400 passengers since its commencement.

The additional service will be operated using Boeing 737-800 aircraft configured with 168 seats. The proposed flight schedule, with the additional outbound service on Wednesday and return service on Thursday highlighted in red, is set out below.

Flt Desg	Freq	Dept Arp	Dept Time	Arvl Arp	Arrv Time	Fleet
QF 0165	..3....	BNE	8:05	ROR	13:00	73H
QF 0165	6.	BNE	9:05	ROR	14:00	73H
QF 0166	...4...	ROR	7:00	BNE	13:55	73H
QF 0166	7	ROR	8:30	BNE	15:25	73H

Allocation sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of 168 seats per week in each direction on the Palau route for a period of five years from the date of the determination. The capacity will be fully utilised by 31 December 2026.



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 Palau.

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, flowing style.

Megan Morris

Head of Group International Regulatory Affairs