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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 – SAMOA

From 19 December 2026, Qantas Airways Limited (**Qantas**) plans to operate an additional weekly return service between Australia and Apia, Samoa. This additional service will operate until the end of January 2026, using Boeing 737-800 aircraft configured with 168 seats.

Qantas currently operates six flights per week between Australia and Samoa, with three Brisbane-Apia and three Sydney-Auckland-Apia services per week. The proposed flight schedule for the additional weekly service is provided below.

Flight #	Frequency	Dep	Dep Time	Arr	Arr Time	Subfleet
QF201	6.	SYD	1349	AKL	1850	73H
QF201	6.	AKL	1950	APW	2340	73H
QF202	7	APW	0650	AKL	1105	73H
QF202	7	AKL	1215	SYD	1355	73H

Allocation sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of 132 seats per week in each direction on the Samoa 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 Samoa.

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

Yours sincerely,

Megan Morris
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