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Mrs Jasmina Morling
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Dear Mrs Morling,

APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – SOUTH AFRICA ROUTE

From 19 October 2027, Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) plans to launch new non-stop services between Sydney and Cape Town. The service will operate seasonally until 24 March 2028.

The service will operate three times per week with a Boeing 787-9 aircraft configured with 236 seats. The proposed flight schedule is provided below:

Flight #	Frequency	Dep	Dep Time	Arr	Arr Time	Subfleet
QF89	.2..5.7	SYD	10:15L	CPT	15:55L	789
QF90	.2..5.7	CPT	17:55L	SYD	14:50L+1	789

Together with Qantas' existing direct services from Perth and Sydney to Johannesburg, the new route will give customers more choice when travelling between Australia and South Africa.

Allocation Sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of three frequencies per week in each direction on the South Africa route on the following basis:

- For a period of five years from the date of the determination; and
- The capacity will be fully utilised by 31 October 2027.

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 carrier on the South Africa route and holds the licences, permits and approvals required to operate the proposed services.

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

Yours sincerely,

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