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Via email; Jasmina.Ackar@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Ms Ackar,

VIRGIN APPLICATION FOR ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY – INDONESIA ROUTE

I write on behalf of the Flight Attendants' Association of Australia (FAAA) in support of the above application. We are aware that on 12 and 14 December 2023, Virgin Australia Airlines Pty Limited made a Capacity Application for the Indonesia Route. We confirm our support for the Application.

The Flight Attendants' Association is the Union that represents the largest number of Cabin Crew in Australia. This application by Virgin will have the effect of ensuring that work for the Cabin crew on these flights will go to Australian employees employed pursuant to Enterprise Agreements that offer Wages and conditions that meet the obligations of the National Employment Standard.

We support Virgin's Application as we believe this will have an ongoing benefit to the Australian Economy among other considerations. By employing local Australian employees, the benefits will flow to Australian consumers and further enhance competition. Other applicants currently utilise offshore (non-Australian) Cabin Crew on substandard conditions and that only offer limited consumer benefits in our opinion. Virgin proposed to operate these services utilising a B737-800 aircraft configured with 176 seats and plans to launch these services as follows:

Adelaide – Perth- Denpasar with a commencement date of 15 May 2024 and;

Gold Coast – Perth – Denpasar with a commencement date of 26 June 2024.

We refer in particular to the correspondence between Virgin Australia Pty Limited and the IASC on 8 January 2024.

We agree with the position set out in that letter that outlines the benefits to Australian consumers in particular as outlined in their submission.

We emphasise our support for the Virgin Application in consideration of competition on the Indonesia route, the benefits to trade and tourism as well as the benefits to Australian consumers.

Yours sincerely,

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