Outlook

Submission on Qantas Group and Virgin Australia applications for additional Australia–Indonesia air services capacity

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To IASC <Contact@iasc.gov.au>

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as an individual Australian consumer to make a submission regarding the competing applications by Qantas Group and Virgin Australia for additional international air services capacity between Australia and Indonesia.

I support the allocation of additional capacity to both airlines, but I would like to recommend the following arrangement:

1. Approve Qantas Airways for direct Perth–Jakarta services

I strongly support Qantas operating a direct scheduled service between Perth and Jakarta.

Jakarta is Indonesia's capital and a major centre for business, government, commerce and international connectivity. Direct flights between Perth and Jakarta would provide meaningful benefits to Western Australian travellers, businesses and the wider community.

Perth is geographically well positioned to serve Indonesia, yet direct connectivity to Jakarta remains an important opportunity for improvement.

I believe Qantas is an appropriate operator for this route, particularly given its established full-service international operations.

2. Allocate the remaining available capacity to Virgin Australia

I support allocating the remaining additional capacity to Virgin Australia to expand its international operations to Indonesia.

This would allow Virgin Australia to increase competition, provide more flight choices and potentially improve airfare competitiveness for Australian consumers.

I believe both airlines should have an opportunity to expand their international operations rather than allowing one airline group to dominate the allocation.

3. Do not allocate additional capacity to Jetstar

I do not support granting additional capacity to Jetstar.

My concerns relate to Jetstar's reliability and the level of service experienced by consumers. In my view, additional international capacity should prioritise airlines that can provide dependable services and a positive passenger experience.

I also believe the Commission should distinguish between Qantas Airways and Jetstar when assessing the Qantas Group application. Capacity allocated to support Qantas's proposed Perth–Jakarta service should be specifically reserved for flights operated by Qantas Airways and should not be transferred or made available for Jetstar operations.

Conclusion

My preferred outcome is:

- Qantas Airways receives sufficient capacity to operate its proposed direct Perth–Jakarta service.
- Virgin Australia receives the remaining available additional capacity.
- No additional capacity is allocated to Jetstar.
- Any allocation to Qantas Airways is subject to conditions ensuring that the capacity is used for Qantas-operated services.

I believe this approach would improve Australia's international connectivity, particularly for Western Australia, while supporting competition and delivering greater benefits to Australian consumers.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

