Outlook

Public Submission – Support for Qantas Perth–Jakarta Direct Flights

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To IASC <Contact@iasc.gov.au>

Dear International Air Services Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for Qantas introducing direct flights between Perth and Jakarta.

As someone who regularly travels between Perth and Jakarta with my family, I believe greater competition on this route is long overdue.

Over the past couple of years, since AirAsia and Citilink discontinued their direct services, Batik Air has effectively become the only airline operating nonstop flights between Perth and Jakarta.

With virtually no competition, airfares have increased dramatically. While I understand that inflation and rising operating costs contribute to higher ticket prices, the extent of these increases seems difficult to justify on those factors alone.

Another significant issue is the lack of convenient flight schedules. Batik Air does not operate daily services, and its current flight times are particularly inconvenient for families travelling with young children, with arrivals into Jakarta at approximately 4 am.

For families seeking more suitable travel times, the alternative is often to transit through Bali or even Singapore, adding unnecessary travel time, expense and inconvenience to what should be a relatively straightforward journey.

Introducing Qantas on this route would provide much-needed competition, potentially more reasonable fares, greater choice in flight schedules and a better overall travel experience.

I believe this would benefit not only Indonesian families living in Western Australia but also Australian tourists, business travellers and those visiting friends and relatives in Indonesia.

I strongly encourage the Commission to consider the benefits to consumers when assessing this application.

Kind regards,

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Sent from my iPhone