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Dear Sir/Madam

**Qantas Airways Limited & China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited -
application for variation to conditions of authorisations A91470 and A91471 -
interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application to vary the conditions of authorisations A91470 and A91471 granted to Qantas Airways Limited and China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited. The ACCC would like to invite you to comment on the application.

Conditional authorisation was granted by the ACCC on 21 August 2015 for an alliance between Qantas Airways and China Eastern Airlines in order to coordinate their operations between Australia and China pursuant to a joint coordination agreement. Further information can be found here: [A91470](#).

Proposed variation to conditions of authorisation

Qantas Airways and China Eastern Airlines have requested a variation to the minimum seat capacity conditions on the basis of Exceptional Circumstances constituted by the outbreak of the Novel coronavirus (COVID-19 Outbreak) and the subsequent flight and entry restrictions imposed by various governments in respect of travel to and from China. Specifically, the airlines seek consent to decrease the seating capacity obligations set out in clauses 1(a) and 1(c) for the Northern Winter 2019 scheduling season between Sydney and Shanghai, and in aggregate across all routes between Australia and Shanghai.

A full copy of the application for variation to conditions of authorisation is available on the ACCC's website <https://www.acc.gov.au/public-registers>

The ACCC requests that any comments or submissions be provided by **18 March 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject 'A91470 & A91471 – Qantas Airways & China Eastern Airlines – Submission'. Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Luke Griffin on (02) 6243 1114 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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