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Dear Sir/Madam

**Qantas Airways Limited & Emirates application for revocation of authorisations A91332 and A921333 and substitution of new authorisation AA1000400– draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Qantas Airways Limited (**Qantas**) and Emirates on 11 October 2017.

The application for re-authorisation relates to the ongoing coordination of Qantas & Emirates' air passenger and cargo transport operations, and other related services, pursuant to a Restated Master Coordination Agreement.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation, subject to conditions, for five years. A copy of the ACCC decision is attached.

**Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicants or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **7 March 2018**. Submissions should be emailed to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) with the subject "AA1000400 – Qantas Airways Limited & Emirates – submission".

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **7 March 2018**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to this application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the attached publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register.](#)

## Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information

<b>Indicative date</b>	<b>Stage in assessment process</b>
<b>11 October 2017</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>23 October 2017</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>15 November 2017</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>16 November 2017</b>	ACCC requests further information from the Applicants.
<b>1 December 2017</b>	Applicants respond to request for further information.
<b>16 February 2018</b>	Draft determination.
<b>March 2018</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>March 2018</b>	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application. If you are able to please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

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 Tessa Cramond on 03 9658 6516 or [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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