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Dear Ms Klamka and Ms Van Leer

**Virgin Australia and Virgin Atlantic application for authorisation AA1000443 —request for interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Virgin Australia and Virgin Atlantic (the Applicants) on 3 June 2019. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

**Next steps**

We received three public submissions which are available on the ACCC's public register. We invite the Applicants to provide any submission in reply by **25 July 2019**, and expect to issue a draft determination in September.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387.

Yours sincerely

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