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Hi Merridy

We have considered the further information provided by Virgin Australia and also discussed it with Commissioners.

While we recognise the uncertain circumstances that Virgin Australia currently faces, we are not persuaded about the urgency of granting interim authorisation at this time. Instead, we will proceed with our substantive assessment of the revised application for authorisation.

I note, however, that we remain ready and willing to progress an interim authorisation urgently if/when Virgin Australia provides information that demonstrates the need for it.

As a first step in the substantive assessment, we will shortly commence a consultation process on the application. We will also use this consultation process to seek feedback on the proposed conditions of authorisation that we have previously provided to you for comment.

Finally, I note that the substantive assessment process will be headed up by Sophie Ward who I have cc'd in this email.

Please let me know if you have any queries about any of this.

Kind regards Darrell

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