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By email

Dear Sir/Madam

Qantas Airways Limited and China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited - application for re-authorisation AA1000526 - Draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by Qantas Airways Limited and China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited on 31 July 2020.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant re-authorisation until 31 March 2022.

The ACCC granted interim authorisation on 7 September 2020, allowing Qantas and China Eastern to continue to coordinate on operations between Australia and China while the ACCC considers the application for re-authorisation.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Next steps

The ACCC invites submissions on the draft determination.

Submissions are due by **8 January 2021** by emailing exemptions@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000526 – Qantas and China Eastern Airlines – submission". The ACCC will consider any submissions received by this date in making its final decision about whether to re-authorise these arrangements.

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

Timetable

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
31 July 2020	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
7 September 2020	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation
3 December 2020	Draft determination

January 2021

Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called

February 2021

Final determination.

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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