

TIMBERMATE PRODUCTS PTY LTD

ABN 29 989 135 425

9 December 2002

Adjudication Branch,
P.O. Box 1199,
Dixon,
Act. 2602.

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE QANTAS/AIR NEW ZEALAND

As a small business owner doing business in New Zealand, it was possible to fly to Auckland on Monday, stay for 3 days and return to Australia all for approximately \$599-00. With Ansett/United flying the route some specials were as low as \$99-00.

Since the collapse of the above mentioned there are no longer reasonably priced air fares to New Zealand, no matter how long in advance these flights are purchased. The price has now risen to approximately \$1600-00 return. This increase has made it prohibitive for small business people or even tourists to travel to New Zealand with the same frequency unless staying a Saturday night. This fare is comparable with a fare Sydney or Melbourne onto Los Angeles. In order to get a \$899-00 fare one has to stay a Saturday night. By the time you have paid the extra hotel accommodation over the weekend it is comparable to the full fare without restrictions.

I object strongly to the merger, as it is anti competitive and will only lead to more price fixing.

Thanking you,


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