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**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 May 2003 8:12 AM  
**To:** 'adjudication@acc.gov.au'  
**Cc:** 'unni.menon@tq.com.au'; 'Sharon Burke'  
**Subject:** Authorisation applications lodged by Qantas Airways Limited and British Airways Plc

Dear Sir

I refer to your call for submissions on the Qantas-British Airways Joint Service Agreement of 12 May 2003 addressed to Mr Paul McGuire, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Government. Please be informed that Mr McGuire no longer holds responsibility for Aviation issues in the Queensland Government. Would you please replace his name with that of Mr Bruce Stewart of the same address.

I wish to inform you that the Queensland Government intends to provide the ACCC with a submission, and that this submission will be developed under the auspices of the Queensland Government Aviation Steering Committee, chaired by the Director-General of the Department of Tourism, Racing and Fair Trading. This committee will meet in the very near future to discuss this submission, however, we will be unable to meet your stated deadline for submissions on the application for interim authorisation of today (Tuesday 20 May 2003). The committee should be in a position to provide you with a submission by the closing date for submissions on the application for re-authorisation of Friday 6 June 2003.

The Queensland Government has a strong interest in the viability and sustainability of the Australian aviation industry. Thank you for this offer to comment on its structure.

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