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Re: Applications for authorisation lodged by Qantas Airways Limited and Air New Zealand Limited (A30220, A30221, A30222)

The Australian Services Union (ASU) is the largest union of employees at Qantas Airways Limited and its various subsidiaries, with coverage of over 10,000 of Qantas' 30,000 employees. This union also represents the 90 Australian based Air New Zealand staff.

The ASU supports the submission from the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) regarding the applications by Qantas Airways Limited and Air New Zealand Limited for authorisation for the proposed acquisition by Qantas of an equity of up to a 22.5 per cent in Air New Zealand which was forwarded to the Commission today.

Yours faithfully

Linda White

ASSISTANT NATIONAL SECRETARY