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Dear Sirs,

Re: QANTAS & AIR NEW ZEALAND.

I am writing to ask if I am allowed to object to this potential control of ANZ by Qantas, as I understand Qantas will have 50% of the management Board of Air New Zealand & so a large measure of control despite the minority position.

My concern is that the last direct service from Perth to NZ will be cancelled and Perth passengers will be obliged to travel by Qantas domestic service to Eastern Australia before changing for travel to NZ.

This concern is justified since

- (i) the Qantas BA link up was followed by the cancellation of the BA ^{Perth} Auckland service.
- (ii) the extension of this arrangement resulted was followed by the cancellation of the BA Perth-London service.

The disadvantage to Perth passengers of travelling by Qantas domestic Perth-NZ is

- (a) a longer and interrupted flight & killing time in Sydney/Melbourne ^{intermediate}
- (b) reduced cabin baggage allowances; domestic flights require a smaller cabin bag & do not allow carriage of a camera bag as well as a (small) cabin bag.
- (c) OBVIOUSLY THERE WOULD BE NO COMPETITION ON THE PERTH-NZ ROUTE.

If there is a formal procedure for a member of the public to object, please let me know.

Yours faithfully