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Dear Dr Chadwick

**Virgin Blue Airlines Pty Ltd & others applications for authorisation A91247 & A19248**

We respond as an interested party to the alliance proposed between Virgin Blue and Etihad and do so in this submission in relation to both the interim authorisation and application.

The commercial cooperation agreement and associated code share agreement do not as proposed provide any detriment to the members of this organisation which represents pilots employed by the Virgin group. The most likely outcome to the proposal is to strengthen the Virgin group and thereby provide within and outside of Australia.

This organisation believes that public detriment should include in its purview the impact of consumer and competition outcomes on employment opportunities in Australia.

I thank you for the opportunity to respond to this request.

Yours faithfully

