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Dear Mr Johnson & Ms Pritchard

**Authorisation applications submitted by Qantas Airways Limited and American Airlines Inc. – request for material to be excluded from the public register**

I refer to your applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 12 May 2011.

I have considered your request that parts of your submission supporting your applications and the attached Joint Business Agreement be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the Joint Business Agreement and the relevant parts of the supporting submission will not be placed on the public register.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

I note that you also provided a public version of your supporting submission. This version will be placed on the public register in the form it was provided to the ACCC.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Darrell Channing on (02) 6243 4925 or Clare McGinness on (03) 9290 6909.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'R' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that tapers to the right.

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