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Sent via email: bsjohnson@qantas.com.au; annapritchard@qantas.com.au

Dear Mr Johnson & Ms Pritchard

**Qantas Airways Limited and American Airlines Inc. applications for authorisation
A91265 & A91266 - interested party consultation**

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

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister. The ACCC will also provide a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

12 May 2011	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
17 May 2011	Public consultation process begins.

27 May 2011	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
8 June 2011	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
June 2011	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
June 2011	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
August/September 2011	Draft determination.
September 2011	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October/November 2011	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Clare McGinness on (03) 9290 6909 or Darrell Channing on (02) 6243 4925.

Yours sincerely

for

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