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Dear Dr Chadwick

**Qantas Airways Limited & American Airlines Inc. applications for authorisation
A91265 & A91266 – interest party consultation**

I refer to your letter dated 17 May 2011 inviting Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Ltd (BAC) comment on the proposed Qantas and American Airlines Joint Business Agreement (JBA).

BAC supports this application on the following grounds:

- The direct market at Brisbane to and from the USA is underserved as evidenced by the number of passengers forced to travel via Sydney and to a lesser extent Melbourne. The recent introduction of the Dallas Fort Worth – Brisbane – Sydney service by Qantas will improve this situation.
- No lessening of competition on the Trans Pacific Route. (Qantas submission, paragraph 11.4, page 25)
- Potential public benefits (Qantas submission, paragraph 12, page 25)
- Improved tourism from USA to Australia (Qantas submission, paragraph 6 table, page 14)

BAC would like to be kept informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. I am the BAC contact on cam.macphee@bne.co.au.

Yours sincerely

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