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## **By email**

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Virgin Australia and Singapore Airlines application for authorisation A91267 & A91268 - final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Virgin Australia and Singapore Airlines on 20 June 2011.

Virgin Australia and Singapore Airlines sought authorisation for an aviation alliance which comprises an Alliance Framework Agreement, and includes freesale codeshare agreements, a special prorate agreement and reciprocal frequent flyer and lounge agreements.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for five years.

#### **Application for review**

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 22 December 2011. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 23 December 2011.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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 Imogen Hartcher-O'Brien on (02) 6243 1049.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R Chadwick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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