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Dear Mr Woodward and Ms Klamka

**Virgin Australia and Skywest Airlines (Australia) Pty Ltd applications for
authorisation A91287 and A91288 - interested party consultation**

I refer to the above mentioned applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 8 December 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. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the applications.

Timetable

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

8 December 2011	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
9 December 2011	Applicants provide revised public register version of

	supporting submission.
16 December 2011	Public consultation process begins.
9 January 2012	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
January/February 2012	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
27 January 2012	Closing date for submissions from interested parties on authorisation.
3 February 2012	Applicants respond to issues raised in the public consultation process.
March/April 2012	Draft determination.
April 2012	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
May/June 2012	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 Imogen Hartcher-O'Brien on (02) 6243 1049.

Yours sincerely



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