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Dear Sir/Madam

**Qantas Airways Limited and Jetstar Airways Pty Ltd
applications for authorisation A91314 & A91315 - interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) and Jetstar Airways Pty Ltd (Jetstar). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Qantas and Jetstar are seeking authorisation to make, and give effect to, a joint venture coordination agreement. Under this agreement they will coordinate on all network, scheduling, pricing, marketing, purchasing, customer service and resourcing decisions between:

- Qantas, Jetstar Airways, Jetstar Asia, Jetstar Pacific, Jetstar Japan and Jetstar Hong Kong;
- Jetstar Japan and Japan Airlines;
- Jetstar Pacific and Vietnam Airlines;
- Jetstar Hong Kong and China Eastern Airlines; and
- A Jetstar joint venture, its local partner airline and any other airline in the Jetstar Group to the extent they overlap or potentially overlap.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister>.

Submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the applications for authorisation, please do so by **27 July 2012**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Mark Basile on (03) 9290 1855 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

Timetable

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

28 June 2012	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
5 July 2012	Public consultation process begins.
27 July 2012	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
3 August 2012	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
August/September 2012	Draft determination.
September 2012	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October/November 2012	Final determination.

If you do not wish to make a submission at this time but would like to be informed of the progress of the applications at the draft and final determination stages, please advise us and provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the applications.

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 Mark Basile on (03) 9290 1855.

Yours sincerely



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Qantas/Jetstar – A91314-15 - Interested Party List

Aerolineas Argentinas
Air Canada
Air China
Air Mauritius
AirAsia X
Australasian Conference & Events
Australian Federation of Travel Agents
Australian Industry Group
Australian Services Union
Board of Airline Representative of Australia
Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Limited
British Airways (IAG - the holding company)
Cathay Pacific Airways
Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation
China Eastern
China Southern Airlines
CHOICE
Consolidated Travel Group
Consumer Action Law Centre
Delta Air Lines, Inc
Department of Infrastructure and Transport
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Etihad Airways
ICMS
International Air Services Commission
LAN Airlines
Malaysia Airlines
Meetings and Events Australia
Melbourne Airport
Qatar Airlines
Queensland Government Aviation Committee (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation)
Royal Brunei
Singapore Airlines Ltd
Skywest Airlines Pty Ltd
Solomon Airlines
Sydney Airport
Tiger Aviation Pte Ltd
Tour Hosts Pty Limited
Tourism Australia
Tourism NSW
Tourism NT
Tourism Queensland
Tourism Tasmania
Tourism Victoria
Tourism WA
United Airlines
Virgin Australia Airlines