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Sent via email: lschofield@airaustralia.com

Dear Mr Schofield

Virgin Australia and Skywest Airlines (Australia) Pty Ltd – applications for authorisation A91287 & A91288 - request for material to be excluded from the public register

I refer to the file note of the conversation with ACCC staff on 18 January 2012, regarding the above mentioned applications for authorisation lodged with the ACCC on 8 December 2011. I also refer to your email of 25 January 2012 requesting that certain information be excluded from the public register version of the file note.

I have considered your company's request that material contained in the ACCC's file note be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the relevant material within the ACCC's file note will not be placed on the public register.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Clare McGinness on (03) 9290 6909.

Yours sincerely

David Jones

A/g General Manager Adjudication Branch