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Dear Sir/Madam

**Qantas & China Eastern applications for authorisation A91470 & A91471
– interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) is currently conducting a consultation process on applications for authorisation received from Qantas Airways Limited & China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the Applicants) on 18 November 2014.

The Applicants and their related bodies corporate are seeking authorisation for five years to coordinate their operations between Australia and China pursuant to a joint coordination agreement (the Proposed Conduct).

The purpose of this letter is to invite you, as a potentially interested party, to comment on the applications. Please see the ACCC's publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

A copy of the application is available on the ACCC's website www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

Request for 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 Conduct.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the applications for authorisation please do so by **19 December 2014**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91470 & A91471 – Qantas & China Eastern – submission".

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 or via email adjudication@acc.gov.au to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Timetable

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
18 Nov 2014	Lodgement of applications and supporting submission.
19 Nov 2014	Public consultation process begins.
19 Dec 2014	Closing date for submissions on the applications for authorisation.
16 Jan 2015	Applicants respond to issues raised in the public consultation process.
Feb/Mar 2015	Draft determination.
March 2015	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April/May 2015	Final determination.

Please advise 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. If you are able to, please 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 Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Interested Party List

Adelaide Airport
Aero-Care
Aerolineas Argentinas
Air China
Air Mauritius
Air New Zealand
AirAsia X
Airport Coordination Australia (ACA)
Airservices Australia
Airservices Australia
Alpha Flight Services
Australia Pacific Airports (Melbourne) Pty Ltd
Australian & International Pilots Association
Australian Airports Association (AAA)
Australian Federation of Travel Agents
Australian Industry Group
Australian Licenced Aircraft Engineers Association
Australian Services Union
Australian Tourism Export Council
Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB)
AVIA Flight Services
Brisbane Airport Corporation Limited
British Airways
Bureau of Meteorology
Caltex
Canberra Airport
Cathay Pacific Airways
Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation
China Airlines
China Southern Airlines
CHOICE
Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)

Consolidated Travel Group
Consumer Action Law Centre
Consumers' Federation of Australia
Delta Air Lines, Inc
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Emirates
Etihad Airways
Executive Gourmet
ExxonMobil Aviation
Fed Ex
Gate Aviation
Gate Gourmet
ICMS
International Air Services Commission
Jumpjet Airlines Limited
K.I.S.S. Travel International
LAN Airlines
Malaysia Airlines
Melbourne Airport
Menzies Aviation
National Tourism Alliance
Northern Territory Airports Pty Ltd
Patrick Air Services
Perth Airport Pty Ltd
Qatar Airlines
Queensland Airports Limited
Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA)
Regional Express (Rex)
Senator Nick Xenophon
Singapore Airlines Ltd
Solomon Airlines
Sydney Airport
Sydney Airport Corporation Limited

Tiger Airways Australia Pty Limited
Toll Dnata
Tour Hosts Pty Limited
Tourism Australia
Tourism NSW
Tourism Queensland
Tourism Victoria
Tourism WA
Transport Workers Union
United Airlines
Virgin Australia Pty Ltd
Virgin International Pilots Association
Wymap Group