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His Excellency  
Mr MA Zhaoxu  
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Your Excellency

**Qantas & China Eastern applications for authorisation A91470 & A91471  
– final determination**

I am writing in connection to your submission dated 15 May 2015, made in relation to the applications for authorisation lodged by Qantas Airways Limited and China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the Applicants) on 18 November 2014.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the applications for authorisation. The Applicants sought authorisation for five years to coordinate their operations between Australia and China pursuant to a joint coordination agreement.

A copy of the ACCC's determination and summary of its reasons is attached. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation, subject to conditions, until 31 October 2020.

**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 (the Tribunal) for a review of the determination. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 11 September 2015. If no application for a review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 12 September 2015.

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

For further information about the Tribunal's process to hear applications for review of ACCC determinations please refer to the Tribunal's website at [www.competitiontribunal.gov.au](http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au).

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. Please do not hesitate to contact Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 or [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) to arrange a discussion of any aspect of this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'R' followed by a long horizontal line.

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