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*By email*

Dear Sir / Madam

**Qantas Airways Limited and American Airlines Inc application for revocation of authorisations A91265 & A91266 and substitution of new authorisations A91502 & A91503 – draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) and American Airlines Inc (American) (together, the Applicants) on 10 June 2015.

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.

The Applicants are seeking re-authorisation to continue to coordinate their operations on the trans-Pacific routes pursuant to their alliance.

**Draft determination**

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and summary of its reasons is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for a further five years.

**Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **18 December 2015**. "Submissions should be emailed to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) with the subject "A91502 – A91503 – Qantas & American Airlines – submission".

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and

while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **18 December 2015**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications.

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 continue to progress its assessment of the application pursuant to the following indicative timetable:

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
10 June 2015	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
11 June 2015	Public consultation process begins.
July 2015	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
27 November 2015	Draft determination.
November / December 2015	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
January 2016	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 Luke Griffin on 02 6243 1114 or [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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