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**By email**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Virgin Australia and Etihad Airways application for revocation of authorisations  
A91247 & A91248 and substitution of new authorisations A91510 & A91511 –  
determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the applications for re-authorisation lodged by Virgin Australia and Etihad Airways (the Applicants) on 6 August 2015.

The Applicants sought re-authorisation to continue their existing international alliance in relation to air transport services between Australia and the Middle East.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 30 December 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 for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 29 December 2015. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 30 December 2015.

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

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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 me on (02) 6243 1114 or by email to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Luke Griffin'.

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A/g Director  
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