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Dear Sir/Madam

Qantas & China Eastern applications for authorisation A91470 & A91471 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Qantas Airways Limited and China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the Applicants) on 18 November 2014.

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 authorisation for five years to coordinate their operations between Australia and China pursuant to a joint coordination agreement.

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 deny authorisation.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicants 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 **Wednesday 8 April 2015**. "Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@accc.gov.au with the subject "A91470 & A91471 – Qantas & China Eastern – 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 **Wednesday 8 April 2015**. If a pre-decision conference is called it will be held in Sydney on the afternoon of Friday 24 April 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 applications in a timely manner. If a pre-decision conference is not called, the ACCC expects to release its final determination in early May 2015. If a pre-decision conference is called, the ACCC expects to release its final determination in early June 2015.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Richard Chadwick', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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