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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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Re: A91502 – A91503 – Qantas and American – submission

Dear Sir/s

Brisbane Airport Corporation(BAC) supports the application by Qantas Airways and American Airlines for reauthorisation for ten years of their coordinated operations between and within Australia and the United States, Canada and Mexico. BAC believes these arrangements benefit both Australian travellers and inbound travel from these countries.

Queensland, in particular, has a significant stake in the continued growth of travel from North America and these arrangements, which provide important links for passengers across the US interior and through Canada and Mexico, provide the ease of booking and transit which is essential for Australia to remain a competitive destination, particularly for first-time visitors. The US travel market is showing promising signs of recovery, delivering increased visitor numbers to all parts of Australia. This economic benefits to Australia of this recovery could be compromised were Qantas and American’s application to be rejected.

Strong performance of the trans-Pacific route has long been a bedrock of the Australian visitor economy and arrangements such as these, which underpin that performance, must be supported.

Sincerely

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- Skytrax World Airline Awards 2015 - 'World's Best Airport Staff' (Australia/Pacific)
- Skytrax World Airline Awards 2015 - Ranked 2nd 'Best Airport in World' (Australia/Pacific)
- ACCC Airport Monitoring Report - Highest 'Overall average ratings of quality of service' 11 years running
- Australian Airports Association Awards 2014 - 'Capital City Airport of the Year'
- Lord Mayor's Business Awards 2014 - Award for 'Corporate Citizenship'
- QLD Engineering Excellence Award 2014 - For Environmental Management of the New Parallel Runway

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