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ACCC – via online submission

### ***Letter of Support***

#### ***Virgin Australia and Air New Zealand trans-Tasman arrangement***

Dear ACCC,

This letter is to support the draft determination for the Virgin Australia and Air New Zealand code share for trans-Tasman services.

As a peak sporting organisation Volleyball Tasmania supports the game of Volleyball in Tasmania and is a member of Volleyball Australia.

Volleyball is a sport participated in across the state, by all genders and all ages. We have a fantastic junior development program, including participation, up to a pathway for international representation, alongside interstate competitions.

We have a history of participation in the Australian Volleyball League and have players, coaches and referees who participate at the highest level internationally up to and including Olympic level.

Professional sport participation requires extensive travel to be able to train, play and compete with the worlds best. We actively seek to host international teams and to provide opportunities for our member clubs to send players to compete with the world's best.

Any possibility of easier travel to and from New Zealand represents an opportunity to expand the options for our players and increases our ability to coordinate with the New Zealand Volleyball community.

Being an island state, Tasmania uniquely stands to benefit from more services and the direct Hobart Auckland service has been of great help. Any action that supports this service is to be commended.

We would encourage you to consider sporting organisations, teams and players in coming to a final decision.

Kind regards,

Rachel Kitson (on behalf of the Volleyball Tasmania Board)

President – Volleyball Tasmania