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Dear Sonya,

Qantas-JAL Application for Authorisation

We refer to the application (**Application**) for authorisation lodged with the Ministry on 21 December 2020 by Qantas Airways Limited (**Qantas**) and Japan Airlines Co Ltd (**JAL**) (together, the **Applicants**) in relation to a proposed Joint Business Agreement (**JBA**) (**Proposed Conduct**).

As advised on 13 September 2021, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has issued its final determination proposing to deny authorisation to the Proposed Conduct. The Applicants are disappointed with this decision, particularly because the joint business would have boosted the recovery of tourism when international borders reopen by delivering more routes, better flight connections and more benefits to frequent flyers.

As implementation of the JBA was conditional on receiving all relevant approvals, the Applicants wish to advise that they will not be proceeding with the Proposed Conduct.

As a result, the Applicants no longer require authorisation from the New Zealand Ministry of Transport and withdraw the application for authorisation.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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If you have any questions, please contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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