

## **NZ AIRPORTS CROSS-SUBMISSION ON**

### **THE PROPOSED 2025 AUTHORISATION OF THE QANTAS – AMERICAN AIRLINES ALLIANCE**

1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a cross-submission on the proposed authorisation of the alliance between Qantas and American Airlines.
2. NZ Airports represents 49 airports across New Zealand<sup>i</sup>, including the international gateways to New Zealand, the domestic airports which make up the national air transportation network, and smaller airports focused on general aviation services.
3. NZ Airports noted in our original submission the high quality and wide extent of information provided by the Applicants. This sets an appropriately high bar for future applications under the 2023 Civil Aviation Act and for the enhanced scrutiny of the new evaluation process.
4. However, we note with regret that the Applicants have not responded to submitters' comments and concerns by providing a public document, so increasing transparency and further strengthening future application processes.
5. The Ministry has begun using an improved and more forensic authorisation process, including the use of cross-submissions. NZ Airports submits that the Ministry should set a clear expectation that future Applicants will respond to submissions for the benefit of all parties through an increase in overall transparency.
6. For similar reasons, NZ Airports would also wish to see more extensive reasoning set out in Ministers' proposed decisions.

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<sup>i</sup> Our member airports include Alexandra Airport, Ardmore Airport, Ashburton Airport, Auckland Airport, Chatham Islands Airport, Christchurch Airport, Dunedin Airport, Gisborne Airport, Great Barrier Airport, Hamilton Airport, Hawke's Bay Airport, Hokitika Airport, Invercargill Airport, Kapiti Coast Airport, Kaikohe Airport, Katikati Airport, Kerikeri Airport, Marlborough Airport, Masterton Airport, Matamata Airport, Motueka Airport, Nelson Airport, New Plymouth Airport, Oamaru Airport, Pauanui Airfield, Palmerston North Airport, Queenstown Airport, Rangiora Airport, Rotorua Airport, Takaka Airport, Taupo Airport, Tauranga Airport, Te Anau Airport Manapouri, Te Kowhai Aerodrome, Thames Aerodrome, Timaru Airport, Wairoa Airport, Wanaka Airport, Whanganui Airport, Wellington Airport and West Auckland Airport.