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Subject: As Acting Transport Minister, re Qantas/Air NZ 'code share'

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Dear Sir

I'd like to note for your attention my disquiet over the misnamed 'code share' proposed between Qantas and Air NZ regarding pricing and routes between Australia and NZ.

Since the two airlines are by far the dominant players on these routes, what the proposal in fact amounts to is the establishment of a cartel with an inevitable downside for the consumer, who will no longer be the beneficiary of fair competition between them.

If the code share is alleged to have benefits for NZ, these should be tested by the Commerce Commission with the result that you will be able to take decisive and correct steps on their advice.

I trust that after consideration you will be able to make your views known on this within the House.

Kind regards

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