

1 May 2006

The Honourable Pete Hodgson  
Acting Minister of Transport  
Freepost Parliament  
PO Box 18 888  
Wellington



Dear Minister

**Proposed Air New Zealand and Qantas International Flight Code Share Arrangements**

Regarding reports that Air New Zealand and Qantas Airways are seeking approval to share flights across the Tasman, I am writing to express my concern about possible reductions in international services out of Wellington airport.

This company, with considerable potential for export earnings, will suffer in any arrangement that reduces existing flight frequency between Wellington and Australia.

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Already, purchases over return TransTasman flights a year between Wellington and major Australian destinations. Besides frequent travel to our Brisbane office, we regularly Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney.

The vast majority of our travel is in and out of Wellington. Any reduction in the number of Trans Tasman flights in and out of Wellington will make life difficult for both this company and its staff. Any significant increase in prices will not help our cause, but is not as significant as the reduction in frequency.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Copy: The Hon. Trevor Mallard, MP for Hutt South.

