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Subject Tasman Network Agreement

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Re: Submission on the "Tasman Network Agreement"

I have the following concerns regarding the proposed code-sharing deal between Qantas and Air New Zealand.

- 1) I am concerned that a mechanism to maintain a common price for trans-Tasman flights will result in disadvantages to New Zealand consumers.
- 2) I believe that the proposed agreement would reduce the number of flights between New Zealand and Australia and increase the cost to the consumer. This would have a negative impact on both economies thru reductions in travel.
- 3) The proposed agreement would be covered by the jurisdiction of both the Ministry of Transport and the Commerce Commission causing significant complexity in future trading. This issue should be addressed before any agreement is passed.

Conclusion: I recommend that the Tasman Network Agreement be annulled as it is currently proposed because it financially disadvantages the New Zealand economy.

Regards, S.9(2)(a)