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Dear Mr Jones

Re: AA1000540 - Qantas and JAL application

We note the draft determination made by the ACCC with regards to the application by Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas), Japan Airlines Co. Ltd (JAL) and their relevant related bodies corporate on 18 December 2020 for urgent interim authorisation of a three-year Joint Business Agreement (JBA) which provides the commercial and operational support to rebuild their operations across a range of routes between Australia, Japan and New Zealand.

The Department re-affirms its position, as outlined in the letter of 3 February 2021, and remain supportive of the proposal.

We look forward to the outcome of ACCC's final determination.

If you require further information, please contact Mr Unni Menon, Executive Director, Aviation Strategy and Services, of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions on

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Yours sincerely

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