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Qatar Airways/British Airways Codeshare Application

Auckland Airport has reviewed the joint application from Qatar Airways and British Airways to the Ministry of Transport for authorisation of the coordination of air services on a limited number of routes between the UK/Europe and Australasia under section 88(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1990.

Auckland Airport supports market structure arrangements that are consistent with fair and balanced competition, and which provide clear benefits for travellers – including arrangements that will deliver increased capacity, choice, and quality of service. We consider this is the best way to ensure the continued promotion of competition in international air services that is so vital to the tourism and export sectors and New Zealand's economic prosperity.

We support this application as it provides additional connectivity and choice to consumers. The codeshare will make the Qatar Airways Doha to Auckland service visible for sale across the depth and breadth of the British Airways network and distribution channels.

As usual, we encourage the Ministry to continue to monitor market conditions across the total range of codeshare and alliance arrangements in force (including as new arrangements are entered into) to ensure that overall outcomes and trends for travelers and the New Zealand public are positive.

Auckland Airport would appreciate being kept up to date about the progress of this application.

Yours sincerely,



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