

FINAL CABINET PAPER: REAUTHORISATION OF THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN AIR NEW ZEALAND AND CATHAY PACIFIC

Reason for this briefing	To provide you with a final version of a Cabinet paper, noting your decision to reauthorise the strategic alliance between Air New Zealand and Cathay Pacific.
Action required	Agree to lodge the attached Cabinet paper with the Cabinet office.
Deadline	Thursday 13 August 2015.
Reason for deadline	This is the deadline for lodging papers with the Cabinet Office for consideration at the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee meeting on 19 August 2015.

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

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MINISTER'S COMMENTS:

Date:	11 August 2015	Briefing number:	OC03324
Attention:	Hon Simon Bridges (Minister of Transport)	Security level:	In-Confidence

Minister of Transport's office actions

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Purpose of report

1. To provide you with a final version of a Cabinet paper, noting your decision to reauthorise the strategic alliance between Air New Zealand and Cathay Pacific.

Background

2. As you are aware, we have recently completed our analysis of an application by Air New Zealand and Cathay Pacific for reauthorisation of their strategic alliance (the alliance). The alliance was authorised by the previous Minister of Transport (Hon Gerry Brownlee) in 2012, and it will expire on 30 January 2016 unless it is reauthorised.
3. On 27 July 2015, we provided you with our final advice and a draft Cabinet paper, recommending that you reauthorise the alliance for a further three years and nine months beyond its 30 January 2016 expiry date (until 30 October 2019).

4. We discussed the draft Cabinet paper with you at the officials meeting on 3 August 2015. You indicated that you were comfortable with our recommendation [REDACTED]

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6. We have also consulted with other government departments (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Treasury, and the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment) on the Cabinet paper. We received no comments from these departments.

Next steps

7. We are proposing that you lodge the attached Cabinet paper with the Cabinet Office for consideration at the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee meeting on 19 August 2015.
8. Once the paper has been considered by Cabinet, we will report back to you with a final briefing for you to sign. This will be the instrument through which the alliance is reauthorised.
9. We will also provide your office with a draft media statement, announcing your decision.

Recommendation

10. The recommendation is that you:

(a) **agree** to sign the attached Cabinet paper

Yes/No

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MINISTER'S SIGNATURE:

DATE: