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John

You asked about capacity calculations. We haven't done them thoroughly yet and this is not in any way a formal submission on capacity, but my quick calculation is that across Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, we would lose 10% of seats even using the airlines optimistic post code-share schedules. On Sydney we'd lose 10%, on Brisbane 13% and on Melbourne 8%. Of course we lose Air NZ altogether on Melbourne and Brisbane, and on Sydney all the reductions are on Air NZ.

A couple of things to bear in mind in comparing code-share capacity with status quo capacity:

- we were getting the 734s from Qantas anyway. That was decided ages ago, so any comparison with a 733 schedule should be adjusted accordingly.
- Qantas has always told us that they couldn't fly the 738s into Wellington without payload limitations. We have been trying to address that, but as far as we know that hasn't changed.
- There has been a shift in timings on Brisbane route to early morning departures (which is not good for leisure travellers)
- The schedules in the application can be changed by the cartel members at the drop of a hat once they have approvals. This is their optimistic future code-share schedule for approval purposes.

Naturally we would be happy to make formal submissions on this for consideration by the Ministry and Minister.

On another matter, you mentioned that the MOT is getting legal advice on the process. As I said, we'd like to meet after you have that. However, if the Government is getting submissions from the airlines or their lawyers on the legal process and the rights/obligations of the Minister, we would also want an opportunity to make submissions on that topic. Can you please let me know if that is the case. If you like, I can put this more formally in a letter.



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