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The Hon the Minister for Aviation  
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The Aviation White Paper

My Dear Minister

In considering the future of the aviation industry in Australia you must remember that since Qantas was first formed this country has been able to support two domestic airlines only – apart from a few small regional airlines confined to specific regions or industries. Whenever a third airline had tried to compete countrywide they have failed – until the present situation where we do have three competitors, Qantas, Virgin and JetStar. This means the competition is very tight and Virgin appears to be in trouble. Tiger Airways should never have been allowed to encroach on our domestic system, because they really are Singapore Airlines. This airline is a real problem for Australia – they are very profitable and most aggressive. They will pester you relentlessly to gain approval to fly passengers to and from Australia on all international routes. You must resist all these overtures and you should cancel the licence of their Tiger Airways before they send Virgin broke here domestically.

It is imperative that our national airline Qantas does not have anymore competition either domestically or internationally. Overseas airlines and aircraft makers will plead with you to allow more airlines to operate into and out of Australia, using the argument that our Aviation industry needs it.

If Australia wants a strong passenger airline industry which has the resources to be able to procure and fly safely modern aircraft and provide employment for a large top class workforce you must allow Qantas to develop and operate it. Qantas must have the lion's share of traffic on the Kangaroo and US routes, and on these routes they already have too much unfair competition from the Emirates on the Kangaroo run and from Virgin's V Australia and United Airlines on the US run.

So, please don't give Qantas any more competition anywhere.

Yours sincerely

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