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From Anthony's in-box

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To: Albanese, Anthony (MP)
Subject: Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement

Dear Mr Albanese

I have read the paper: "towards a national aviation policy statement" and wish to make comment for your consideration.

I particularly wish to comment on the question your paper raises: "Are the current restrictions on foreign airlines accessing the domestic market appropriate?" My answer is that no they are not. Regarding your following question: "Should we be encouraging more international airlines to operate from Australia to third markets?" My answer is most certainly that yes we should.

I have been concerned for some time that our aviation policy protects Qantas from foreign competition, to the detriment of the Australian consumer.

I am an international businessman living in Cairns. I was delighted when Virgin Blue (from the UK) rescued us from the domestic extortion by our "Australian flag carrier". We hope for a day when another airline might be allowed/encouraged to enter the market here to rescue us from disastrously poor and decreasing international services. I understand that lifting current restrictions on foreign airlines accessing the domestic market, and encouraging more international airlines to operate from Australia to third markets would help in this situation. Of course Qantas will complain. But please do not confuse this with the interests of ordinary Australians. They are doing the Australian consumer no favours, they are not working in our interests, far from it.

Yours respectfully

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