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# Curfew Dispensation Report

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**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (Kingsford Smith) AIRPORT #02/2026**

**APPROVED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/01/2025 – 05/02/2026**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 1 February 2026

Operator: All Nippon Airways

Flight Number: NH880

Aircraft: B787

Registration: JA895A

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** All Nippon Airways flight NH880 (Sydney to Tokyo) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. After pushback, the aircraft identified an issue with the engine control and returned to gate for engineer inspection and repair. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

**REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (KINGSFORD SMITH) AIRPORT #02/2026**

**REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/01/2025 – 05/02/2026**

There were no refused dispensations for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport during this period.

Note: This Dispensation Report records all dispensations that are formally approved or refused. The Delegates regularly receive questions by phone from airlines about whether a dispensation is likely to be approved if an application is made.

Where the Delegate advises that a dispensation is unlikely to be approved if an application is made, airlines do not generally make a formal application.

These situations are not recorded in this Dispensation Report.

**APPROVED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/01/2025 – 05/02/2026**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 5 February 2026

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF888

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXL

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF888 (Perth to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fault. During taxiing, the aircraft was required to return to the gate as cabin crew reported engine vibrations. An engineer attended to inspect the aircraft and conducted tests. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #02/2026**

**APPROVED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/01/2025 – 05/02/2026**

There were no approved dispensations for Gold Coast Airport during this period.

**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT #02/2026**

**APPROVED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/01/2025 – 05/02/2026**

There were no approved dispensations for Essendon Fields Airport during this period.

**REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – ADELAIDE AIRPORT #02/2026**

**REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/01/2025 – 05/02/2026**

There were no refused dispensations for Adelaide Airport during this period.

**REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #02/2026**

**REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/01/2025 – 05/02/2026**

There were no refused dispensations for Gold Coast Airport during this period.

**REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS #02/2026**

**REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/01/2025 – 05/02/2026**

There were no refused dispensations for Essendon Fields Airport during this period.

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