



## The Hon Catherine King MP

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Member for Ballarat

Ref: MS22-005122

Mr Alan Joyce AC  
Managing Director and CEO  
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Dear Mr Joyce

Alan,

Thank you for the feedback provided regarding a draft proposal for slot use relief at Sydney Airport for the Northern Summer 2023 Scheduling Season (NS23).

Having seen strong recovery of demand for domestic aviation and continued promising signs of recovery of international operations, I have considered the views of stakeholders to make new Directions under section 46 of the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997* to continue to support recovery in the forthcoming Scheduling Seasons, which:

- provides relief from the 80/20 'use it or lose it' rule for international markets with a reduced threshold of 70/30 for these markets;
- provides full slot use relief for flights to international markets that are closed or significantly restricted anytime between 120 days before the Historic Baseline Date; and
- prioritises the allocation of current international capacity to international flights in NS24 and NS25.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Directions, including a statement of reasons setting out the rationale for the measures. The Directions will be tabled in both Houses of Parliament within six sitting days of being made.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement with my department regarding the directions and demand management reforms.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

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Ref: MC22- 001483

Mr Alan Joyce AC  
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Dear Mr Joyce

Alan,

Thank you for the feedback provided regarding a draft proposal for slot use relief at Sydney Airport for the Northern Winter 2022 Scheduling Season (NW22).

Having seen strong recovery of demand for domestic aviation and early promising signs of recovery of international operations, I have responded to the views of stakeholders to make new directions under section 46 of the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997* to support recovery in the forthcoming Scheduling Seasons, which:

- reinstates the 80:20 'use it or lose it' rule for domestic markets;
- provides relief from the 80:20 'use it or lose it' rule for international markets by lowering the threshold to 70:30 for these markets;
- provides full slot use relief for flights to international markets that are closed anytime between 90 days before the Historic Baseline Date and the end of the season; and
- prioritises the allocation of current international capacity to international flights in NW23 and NW24.

Please find enclosed a copy of the directions, including a statement of reasons setting out the rationale for the measures. The directions will be tabled in both Houses of Parliament within six sitting days of being made.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement with my department regarding the directions and demand management reforms.

Yours sincerely

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