

The Hon Catherine King MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Member for Ballarat

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Dear DHI22, DHJ22, DHK22, DHL22, and DHM22,

Thank you for your letter of 28 June 2023 regarding the treatment you received as passengers on a Qatar Airways flight to Sydney, and reports that Australia will be granting additional landing rights to Qatar-based airlines.

As most Australians were, I was shocked by what happened to you at Hamad International Airport. The treatment that you received was disgraceful. All travellers deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

Your experience remains in my thoughts, as well as those of my colleagues.

The Australian Government is not considering additional bilateral air rights with Qatar.

Thank you for writing to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

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