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N. Z. Commerce Commission,

Dear Sirs,

On your call to consider the Air N.Z./Qantas Alliance, the following piece has to my attention. I think it bears on your task..

THE YEAR AHEAD ¹⁾
It's shaping up to be a busy year. First, the Air New Zealand/Qantas deal. On the basis of the case put forward by the companies so far, the merger should not be allowed to go ahead. It will create a near monopoly over air travel within New Zealand, across the Tasman and on the Auckland/Los Angeles route.

For the application now before the Commerce Commission to have the slightest hope of success, both airlines should have to make concessions. One could be the sale of Freedom Air. No matter what happens, air travellers need cast-iron guarantees on continued reasonable fares, convenient schedules and acceptable service levels.

1) Taken from Consumer, p. 2.
Extract from monthly thought by D. Russell, Chief Executive

Sincerely,
J. Shallop