

**Submission to the Commerce Commission from  
Enterprise Waitakere  
14 February 2003**

1 The following submission relates to:

1.1 the application filed at the Commerce Commission (the "Commission") on 9 December 2002 by Qantas Airways Limited ("Qantas") to subscribe for up to 22.5% of the voting equity in Air New Zealand Limited ("Air New Zealand")(the "Equity Application"); and

1.2 the application filed at the Commission on 9 December 2002 by Qantas and Air New Zealand to enter into a strategic alliance (the "Alliance Application")

(the Equity Application and the Alliance Application together referred to as the "Applications").

**2 Enterprise Waitakere**

2.1 Enterprise Waitakere is the economic development agency for Waitakere City. Enterprise Waitakere is an Economic Development Agency governed by the Waitakere Enterprise Trust Board, incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1994.

2.1 The organization's Mission Statement is "to promote knowledge, entrepreneurship, innovation, talent and environmental responsibility as the key drivers for sustainable economic growth." Strategic objectives include; lifting local employment, local self sufficiency, extending the reach and competitiveness of local business, working with the City on developing "growth poles" in Henderson, New Lynn, Hobsonville and Whenuapai

2.3 In making this submission Enterprise Waitakere seeks to preserve the Waitakere City Council's position in regard to the following resolutions passed at a Council Meeting of 18 December 2002

*That Waitakere City Council support and promote the development potential of commercial activities at Whenuapai in the interests of wider economic development in a manner consistent with the growth objectives of the City.*

*That Waitakere City Council request that the Chief Executive ensure that any future development of the Whenuapai air base not preclude it functioning as a functioning commercial air port.*

**3 Enterprise Waitakere's Submission**

3.1 Enterprise Waitakere is concerned that if the applications filed by Air New Zealand and Qantas are successful they could impact on the establishment of a secondary airport in Auckland and, in particular, the potential use of Whenuapai Airbase for commercial operations following the decision by the Government requiring the New Zealand Defence Force to vacate Whenuapai and consolidate its operations at Ohakea.

3.2 Enterprise Waitakere seeks that the commerce commission include in its assessment of the applications an assessment on the impact on competition between airport operators and any effect on barriers to entry for airport operators.

- 3.3 Enterprise Waitakere seeks to ensure that a robust non-partisan assessment is provided to the commission to assist it with its assessment of the Qantas and Air New Zealand applications.

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