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## BARA Response to Flight Priorities Review; Draft AIP ENR 1.4-6

The Board of Airline representatives Australia (BARA) is an industry association representing the interests of the majority of international carriers that serve Australia, providing ~60% of all international aviation capacity operated to Australia (Bureau of Infrastructure & Transport Research Economics (BITRE) CY2023 data). A list of current BARA members is provided as Appendix A.

BARA has consulted members who are broadly supportive of the contents of AIP ENR 1.4-6. However, members consider that the potential prioritisation of long-haul flights (under specific conditions) should not be limited to the stated regions (as drafted under  $6.2 \, d(i)$ ) but rather apply generally to all international flights to Australia.

The majority of international flights to Australia are long-haul (defined as over 6 hours duration) and even the closest international destinations are mid-haul operations (3-6 hours). BARA understands the intent of this amendment is to provide ATM controllers the regulatory flexibility to make the most appropriate decisions with respect to prioritising inbound international flights, such that associated downstream network and ATC disruption is minimised. As such, BARA considers that broadening the definition to capture a broader scope of international traffic to Class C terminal control areas (associated with BNE, MEL, PER & SYD) would facilitate a more equitable and practical outcome.

BARA thanks the Department for encouraging input and appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Please contact BARA should you wish for any further clarification on any point.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix A: BARA member airline list



## Appendix A: Current BARA Airline members

AIRASIA X

AIR ASIA Berhad

INDONESIA AIR ASIA

PHILIPPINES AIR ASIA

THAI AIR ASIA

THAI AIR ASIA X

AIR CANADA

AIR NIUGINI

**AIR MAURITIUS** 

AIR NEW ZEALAND

**AIRCALIN** 

AIR VANUATU

**ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS** 

**AMERICAN AIRLINES** 

**ASIANA AIRLINES** 

CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS

**CHINA AIRLINES** 

**CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES** 

CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES

**DELTA AIR LINES** 

**ETIHAD AIRWAYS** 

**EVA AIRWAYS** 

FIJI AIRWAYS

**GARUDA INDONESIA** 

**HAWAIIAN AIRLINES** 

JAPAN AIRLINES

LATAM AIRLINES

MALAYSIA AIRLINES

**NAURU AIRLINES** 

PHILIPPINE AIRLINES

**QATAR AIRWAYS** 

**ROYAL BRUNEI AIRLINES** 

SCOOT

SINGAPORE AIRLINES

**SOLOMON AIRLINES** 

SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS

SRILANKAN AIRLINES

THAI AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL

**TURKISH AIRLINES** 

**UNITED AIRLINES** 

**VIETNAM AIRLINES** 

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA