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Aeronautical Information Publication Flight Priorities review
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Dear Review Team

The Business Council of Australia membership includes 130 of the largest businesses in Australia. Our membership ranges across the economy, including the aviation and travel industry.

The BCA supports the need to update the Aeronautical Information Publication Australia (AIP). Specifically, we back the proposed prioritisation of non-stop long-haul flights from the Americas or Europe (including UK) where practical, to mitigate against the need for diversions.

Because these aircraft are typically travelling at the extent of their range, they have limited ability to hold for long periods of time. When diversions are required for these very long-haul services, the operational and cost impact for airlines can be significant. It is also a serious inconvenience for customers. The proposed changes in the draft AIP that provide a mechanism to prioritise very long-haul flights will assist in minimising the potential disruption these services face due to diversions. As such, the BCA supports this element of the proposal put forward by the Government.

I trust that this feedback is helpful in determining how the Government will progress with updates to the AIP.