



QANTAS GROUP RESPONSE AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION PUBLICATION FLIGHT PRIORITIES REVIEW

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The Qantas Group (**Qantas**) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Aeronautical Information Publication Flight Priorities review. We acknowledge the purpose of these proposed changes is to support an efficient traffic flow with an appropriate and well-defined priority list of different flight types.

We encourage the Department to work closely with Airservices Australia to ensure these priorities are enacted as published with, adequate support from a network management perspective to provide accurate, timely assistance to aircraft on the ground and in the air to ensure safe, orderly and expeditious flow of traffic occurs to a maximum extent possible throughout Australia.

Specific feedback on the proposed changes is as follows:

(1) Prioritisation for Navigational and Instrument Flight Procedure Checks

The priority listed for these checks strikes the right balance between maintaining critical infrastructure at Australian airports and ensuring the safe, orderly and expeditious flow of traffic. The process of 'prior arrangement' should align with the MET/CDM procedure by using a period of low demand to minimise the impact on scheduled services and peak traffic times.

(2) Prioritisation Based on Weather Conditions

The Qantas Group supports this change.

(3) Prioritisation of Very Long-Haul International Flights

The Qantas Group supports the intent behind this proposed change. However, for the avoidance of doubt, we request that the text explicitly specifies that it applies to non-stop flights and includes the United Kingdom. Therefore, we request the text to read:

(i) Non-stop long-haul flights from the Americas or UK/Europe will be offered priority where practical when holding exceeds 10 minutes;

(4) Expansion of Additional Priorities to Most Towered Airports

The Qantas Group supports this change.



The Qantas Group can provide additional information if required and looks forward to working with the Department and Airservices to ensure successful implementation of the proposed changes.