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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Trade Sub-Committee

Chair: Hon Bruce Baird MP
Deputy: Hon Warren Snowden MP

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Qantas and Air New Zealand meet Trade Committee on trans-Tasman aviation

Qantas and Air New Zealand will put their views on trans-Tasman aviation policies at a round table discussion with the Department of Transport and Regional services and Parliament's Trade Committee on Friday 16 June in Canberra.

This debate will open the Committee's second public hearing on Australia's trade and investment relations with New Zealand.

The New Zealand High Commission will meet individually with the Committee at the hearing.

The hearing and round table will begin at 11.45 am in Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra, on Friday 16 June 2006, concluding at 4.15pm

The Chair of the Trade Sub-Committee, Bruce Baird, said the Committee was still receiving comments on the CER from both sides of the Tasman.

"The Closer Economic Relations (CER) arrangements are a long-standing and successful arrangement which is continuing to evolve," Mr Baird said. "The Committee is taking stock of the achievements thus far, and wants to see where and how they can be expanded and improved."

"It wants to hear more on the nature of Australia's existing trade and investment; likely future trends in these relationships; and complementary policy approaches by the two governments."

The Committee is also seeking comment on the role of Government in identifying and assisting Australian companies to maximise opportunities under CER.

Submissions may be emailed to jscfadt@aph.gov.au.

All paper-based submissions should be accompanied by an electronic version on disk and addressed to:
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Submissions to the Committee are on its website <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/>

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