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## No change in complaints

**THE** new regulatory environment for Australian travel agents has not seen any change in the level of consumer complaints about the travel and accommodation sector, according to a new report on the implementation of the Australian Consumer Law.

Released last month, the wide-ranging report covers a host of consumer issues, but also includes a number of case studies on the travel industry following the closure of the Travel Compensation Fund in Jul 2014.

As well as a national education

campaign, the regulators conducted a national project, led by the Queensland Office of Fair Trading, to identify consumer protection issues in this new environment.

The report notes that since the demise of the TCF there has been interest in travel agents who become insolvent or act unconscionably - but preliminary results indicate that there has been "no notable change in the number or nature of consumer complaints since the changes".

Interestingly the report also says that one part of the project is to set up an information bank about insolvent travel agents and possible unconscionable conduct.

The report also summarises the 'Pack some peace of mind' campaign which claims a "media engagement reach" of 16m users.

## Round the oneworld

**QANTAS** is today highlighting its current oneworld Explorer incentive, in which a lucky Australian travel agent will win a Business class round the world trip for two people, including a two night stay at a One&Only resort - see **cover page** for details.

**MEANWHILE** Consolidated Travel is also incentivising agents to book Qantas via a promotion offering \$25,000 in travel plus weekly prizes of \$500 - more info on **page ten** of today's **TD**.

### Today's issue of TD

*Travel Daily* today has nine pages of news and photos, a front cover wrap for **Qantas** plus full pages from: (**click**)

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## Malindo up PER route

**MALAYSIAN** budget carrier Malindo Air is jacking up capacity between Kuala Lumpur and Perth with a new 12th weekly service to come online from 02 Apr.

The new frequency operates on Sat night from KUL, with OD using Boeing 737-800s on the route.

## Brand USA solo campaign

**BRAND USA** will launch its first pure direct to consumer brand campaign in the Aussie market to stimulate travel dissemination, **TD** can exclusively reveal.

The campaign will debut later this year and is geared towards "driving dispersal", Brand USA Director, Australia & New Zealand Oliver Philpot told **Travel Daily**.

"We've had a lot of partnership activity but we haven't run our own pure campaign yet," he said.

The "bridge campaign" comes with a tagline of 'All within your reach' and focuses on the "value of the United States as a holiday destination, especially with the currency," Philpot commented.

Ads will appear on digital and possibly cinema platforms, with the US National Parks a key element of the campaign.

"There is so much more that you can get for your dollar in the US. You can do a national park and you can also have a city-

urban experience in one trip."

**MEANWHILE**, Philpot said Brand USA was looking closely at further marketing partnerships, flagging potential tie-ups with OTAs, Booking.com and Webjet.

Brand USA is also keen to run an incentive program through Expedia's TAAP scheme, he said.

## SQ SYD check-in shifts

**PASSENGERS** checking-in for a Singapore Airlines flight at Sydney International Airport will need to head towards Row E (counters 13-24) instead of Row K (counters 15-28), effective 01 Apr.

The change provides a much shorter walking distance (3 mins less) to the emigration & security entrance for customers on one of Singapore Airlines current 31 weekly flights from SYD.

SQ pax will also enjoy the close proximity to curb side drop off points, providing "a more seamless check-in experience."

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## Park Avenue stay, pay

**MELBOURNE'S** Park Avenue Accommodation Group has rolled out a new look website & online booking platform showcasing the firm's eight properties, viewable at [serviced-apartments.com.au](http://serviced-apartments.com.au).

A 'Stay 7, Pay 6' promo applies for stays during Apr and May.

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## Club Med try before you buy

**FOUR** Club Med resorts are now able to be explored using 360-degree virtual reality (VR) technology with the release of a video series on its YouTube channel and Facebook page.

The tours explore Club Med's locations and rooms, sports activities, and introduces its staff.

The first four featured resorts are Kani (Maldives), Finolhu Villas (Maldives), Punta Cana (Dominican Republic) and Peisey

Vallandry (France).

More resorts will be added with Club Med Cancun Yucatan (Mexico), Club Med Val Thorens (France) and Club Med Sanya (China) on their way.

The VR experiences include flying high on the trapeze at Club Med CREATIVE by Cirque du Soleil, checking into a luxe over-water bungalow at Club Med Finolhu Villas to snorkeling at Club Med Kani or mountain biking in Peisey-Vallandry.

"As we continually innovate to modernize the in-demand all-inclusive travel segment, technology plays a big role in how we communicate with our guests at all stages of the customer journey," said Sabrina Cendral, vp of Digital and Marketing for North America.

To view each video, **click** on the resort: **Kani, Finolhu Villas, Punta Cana and Peisey Vallandry.**

## Airline site research

**DESPITE** all the flight comparison websites available, 55%-81% of people who visit one airline's website will compare it directly with a competitor, Roy Morgan Research reveals.

Visitors to Qantas' website are the most loyal, followed by Jetstar, Virgin and Tigerair Australia - for more **CLICK HERE.**

## United board battle

**UNITED** Airlines is facing major ructions at the top, with two key shareholders nominating six new board members in order to address "many years of substantial and inexcusable company underperformance".

Altimeter Capital Management and PAR Capital Management are making the move after talks with the current board failed.

Their nominees include Gordon Bethune, former ceo of Continental Airlines which is now part of United, along with former Orbitz ceo Barney Harford.

The "proxy fight" will be an unwelcome return to work issue for United ceo Oscar Munoz, who had a heart attack in Oct and a subsequent heart transplant.

Earlier this week the United board itself appointed three new directors, which Altimeter and PAR described as a "cynical attempt to preserve power by this entrenched board".



## Window Seat

**AIRCRAFT** toilets, it's fair to say they get a decent workout.

In a bid to keep them hygienic, Boeing has released a self-cleaning lavatory prototype that uses ultraviolet light to kill 99.99% of germs in three seconds, after every use.

Don't worry, plane toilets are not going to take on the ambiance of a dodgy petrol station bathroom with permanent blue lighting.

The light would only be activated when the room is unoccupied.

The design also incorporates a hands-free tap, soap dispenser, garbage, toilet lid/seat and a hand dryer.

Air travel may get a lot more sanitary but no date is set yet and more studies are needed.

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## Solstice bypasses Bali

**CELEBRITY** Cruises has axed a planned port call of *Celebrity Solstice* at Benoa (Bali) this week due to security concerns in the Indonesian tourist hot spot.

*Solstice* is midway through a 17-night cruise from Fremantle to Sydney and has instead arrived earlier into Darwin.

Celebrity said it has been "monitoring the security situation in Indonesia, including recent travel advice from Australia & UK govts related to the potential for terrorist attacks in the country.

"After discussions with our global security team in Miami, we have decided to cancel *Celebrity Solstice's* call to Bali on Monday, March 07," the line confirmed.

The luxury liner went on to say the decision was made with "an abundance of caution, and we apologise for the impact on our guest's cruise...and we did not take this decision lightly."

Agents will be advised if changes are required to other Bali visits.

## PPHG free wi-fi

**PAN** Pacific Hotels Group has introduced free wi-fi across the group's Australian hotels.

All rooms at Pan Pacific Hotels & Resorts and PARKROYAL properties now offer complimentary high-speed wired and wireless internet access, while guests can also get online for free in hotel lobbies, restaurants and meeting rooms.

Members of PPHG's loyalty club DISCOVERY who were already offered complimentary wi-fi will be afforded extra bandwidth.

More at [www.pphg.com](http://www.pphg.com).

## Rocky deal extension

**TRAVEL** consultants have a few more weeks to promote Rocky Mountaineer's 'Stay & Play' offer, with the promotion now extended until 08 Apr.

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## Tourism Aus marketing award



**TOURISM** Australia has been lauded again, taking out the Destination Marketing Award for a fourth consecutive year at Routes Asia in Manila.

TA was recognised for its broad marketing activities and joint cooperative campaigns with over 200 industry partners, including airlines, state and territory organisations & Aussie airports.

The organisation's gm Asia & strategic partnerships Tim Jones

(pictured left) said the award demonstrates TA's "consistent performance having now won the award four years running".

"Tourism Australia plays a targeted and strategic role in the aviation arena, using partnerships to help grow sustainable and competitive aviation capacity to Australia," Jones remarked.

Last week, it was confirmed that Brisbane would host the Routes Asia conference in 2018 (**TD** Fri).

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## Buffalo Tours Thai round up



**BUFFALO** Tours in partnership with the Tourism Authority of Thailand recently took a group of agents on an exciting educational to explore the exotic South East Asian country.

Attendees arrived in Bangkok where they enjoyed a relaxing stay at the Grand China Hotel.

On the second day agents temple-hopped and made stops at the Royal Grand Palace.

In the evening, participants experienced their first tuk tuk ride and strolled the streets of Bangkok in search of tasty delicacies served at street carts.

When day four rolled around, agents boarded a flight to Chiang Mai where they ventured into the jungle and explored the scenic location on the back of an

elephant.

A cycle adventure and boat trip added to the mix, where attendees cycled their way to the ancient town of Wiang Kum Kam before enjoying a traditional Thai lunch of Khao Soi, a specialty dish from Northern Thailand.

**Pictured** above in Chiang Mai ready for their cycle tour are agents (from left): Belinda McFarlane, italktravel, Narre Warren; Sarah Mills, We Know Travel, Dubbo; Cathy Moir, TravelManagers; Josephine Gaynor, Destination HQ, Beaumaris; Matthew Edwards, Buffalo Tours; Stephanie Spiteri, italktravel, Belmont; Kirsty Hewitt, TravelManagers; Louis Gillogy, TravelManagers and Michelle Thomas, TravelManagers.

## Solo Connections

A **NEWLY** launched Aussie tour operator is targeting the independent traveller market, offering specially designed itineraries which exclude single supplements, are fully escorted from Australia and offer private accommodation choices.

Named Solo Connections, a new 2016/17 brochure is now available, showcasing journeys that span South Africa, Europe, South East Asia and Australia.

Both high-end travel choices (5-Star lodgings) and classic experiences (3-3.5 Star accom) are on offer, with groups departing with a minimum of 10 clients and a maximum of 20.

Bookings are commissionable to agents at 10% of the tour price, less fees and taxes.

Request a brochure by calling 1300 044 444.

## Alamo webinar

**ALAMO** Rent A Car has extended an invitation to the industry to attend its webinar to learn more about its product offerings and services, hosted by Asia Pacific Travel Marketing Services.

The webinar will be at 08:30am (AEST) tomorrow - **CLICK HERE** to register attendance.

## IATA Jan traffic spike

**THE** International Air Transport Association (IATA) has reported a 7.1% hike in global pax traffic for the month of Jan compared to the previous corresponding period in 2015 (PCP).

Carriers across the Asia Pacific reported a 10.3% increase on the PCP, with capacity upped by 5.9% and load factors pushed 2.0 percentage points to 79.2%.

Overtaking Australia (+3.8%) in domestic air travel was India, soaring 22.9% per tonne km.

## Murray Loxton 2016

**CAPTAIN** Cook Cruises has announced dates for its seven-night Mannum to Loxton itinerary, which operates just once a year.

Cruising aboard the *Murray Princess*, visits include Katarapko, Cobdogla Creek, Overland Corner, Old Distillery and more.

Departing on 25 Nov from Mannum or from Loxton on 02 Dec, cruises are priced from \$2,095 per person twin share.

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## MH quarterly update

**MALAYSIA** Airlines has released its quarterly progress update, revealing a 10% increase on revenue per available seat kilometre, year-on-year.

Group chief executive officer Christoph Mueller said MH had seen a “challenging quarter” but was pleased with its progress despite challenges.

“We are making steady progress in the restructuring,” he said.

Highlights this quarter (which spans 01 Dec-09 Feb) included the kick-off of its codeshare agreement with Emirates and achieving 95% on-time performance on 17 Feb.

## Cali famil countdown

**THE** countdown is on for the 60 lucky agents who were chosen to partake in the Qantas Holidays’ Race Around 2016, which will kick off in Northern California, 15 Mar.

Outgoing Qantas Holidays head of sales Fiona Dalton said the group were “proud to invest in development opportunities” such as the Race Around famil.

“We love rewarding our top selling travel agents and our annual Race Around famil has become a highly anticipated event in the travel calendar,” commented Dalton.

## DNSW Euro mission

**A WIDE** selection of tourism products and offerings spanning Sydney and Regional New South Wales will be showcased at a trade mission throughout the UK and Europe.

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Stuart Ayres, said it was a “fantastic” opportunity for agents overseas and product managers to learn more about the experiences on-offer across the state.

Fifteen business including Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney, BridgeClimb Sydney, Four Seasons Hotel Sydney, Opera Australia and The Legendary Pacific Coast are set to attend the event, which will be held from 05-14 Apr in London, Manchester, Glasgow, Dusseldorf, Berlin, Frankfurt and Paris.

## Costa Mesa Magic

**TRAVELLERS** journeying to Costa Mesa California can receive a free one-day one park adult ticket to Disneyland Resort theme park with a minimum two-night consecutive stay at select Costa Mesa hotels.

The deal will run from 20 Mar through to 02 Apr and will be valid for one single day admission until 31 Dec.

A shuttle to Disneyland is also available at participating hotels, with round-trip one-day passes available for purchase from US\$2 for children and \$5 for adults.

**CLICK HERE** for more.

## DriveAway wins cruise award



**AN** increase in motorhome sales at DriveAway has culminated in the group being recognised by leading US Motorhome supplier, Cruise America.

**Pictured** above beaming over the win is the DriveAway team: (front) Tracy Thompson, sales and marketing manager; Rita Abourjaily, Motor home team leader; Karen King, product sales

agent and sales team (**back row**) Fatmata Savage, Larena Sa, Tyler Raxworthy with Michael Marcine, vice president.

## Rowntree for Star

**AUSSIE** TV personality, Catriona Rowntree, has been announced as the new face of Star Ratings Australia, which will see her appear in the group’s 2016 integrated marketing campaign.

“We are thrilled to be working with Catriona Rowntree...[her] expertise, energy and passion for travel matches our new campaign which is all about educating travellers around how to use the Star Rating system,” said Star Rates ceo, Michael Reed.

Rowntree says Star Ratings is crucial in helping the travel industry maintain authenticity and accountability.

## Coral trade incentive

**IN CELEBRATION** of the launch of Coral Expedition’s itineraries to South East Asia, travel trade partners are being offered a \$1,000 cash incentive for every booking confirmed between 08 Mar and 08 Apr.

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**ANA celebrates in Sydney**



**ALL** Nippon Airways celebrated its Sydney to Tokyo Haneda route last week with a launch cocktail reception held at the Museum of Contemporary Art in The Rocks. Invitees included travel agents, corporations parliament members & distinguished guests. ANA initiated services to Sydney in Dec, with the evening also a celebration of the Japanese carrier's 30th anniversary of international service and its

recognition of being awarded the highest rating of five Stars by SKYTRAX for the fourth year. Guests enjoyed the charm of the museum and panoramic Sydney Harbour views whilst experiencing the Japanese spirit of service that ANA "so highly values and embodies". **Pictured** above are ANA exec vp, Takashi Shiki; vp & gm, Ryo Sadayuki & Yohei Ishida cargo marketing & service manager.

**Back-Roads grn'tee**

**BACK-ROADS** Touring has confirmed departures are guaranteed for all of its summer 2016 tours after "unprecedented sales" for the 2016 season. The company's brand manager Hugh Houston said the success of the summer tours was a "direct result of the increased demand of small group travel throughout Europe". "Both the classic and new product offerings from Back-Roads touring is continuing to receive a positive response from travellers and we are not seeing any signs of this slowing down," he said. Houston said the large number of these forward-bookings that came from return guests and direct referrals stood testament to their commitment to "providing the best experience for customers".

**APT India expands**

**APT** has expanded its Indian River Cruising program for 2017 with new additions including a Sri Lankan discovery tour. The new nine-day Sri Lankan land journey takes in Sigiriya Rock fortress, the Caves of Heritance and a high tea in Nuwara Eliya. It features on two of three core itineraries in APT's new *India Featuring Sri Lanka 2017* program - including on the popular 22-day *Spirit of India and Sri Lanka*, an all-inclusive trip from Negombo to Kolkata priced from \$19,195pp twin share. Book any itinerary of 16 days or longer before 30 Jun 2016 and fly to India for \$795 or book any India holiday of 16 days or more staying in a Colonial, Heritage, Viceroy and Maharaja Suite, and fly Business class from \$1,995.

**Citadines addition**

The Ascott Limited has purchased a 50-unit serviced residence in Singapore's research & development hub, one-north business park home. From 01 Apr it will be rebranded to Citadines Fusionopolis featuring one-bedroom loft units, separate living & dining areas, a sky terrace & breakfast lounge.

**&Beyond Matetsi**

**&BEYOND** is returning to Zimbabwe by taking over management of the Matetsi Private Game Reserve, Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. The acquisition includes two safari lodges undergoing a \$US10m refurb, set to open 15 Jul with nine suites in each camp. It also includes a 50,000 hectare wildlife concession on the Zambezi River.



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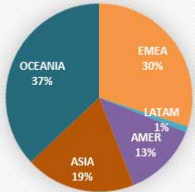


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Top countries have retained their order with Australia still showing dominant market activity, followed closely by the USA, UK, Italy and Singapore. Japan continued strong growth along with New Zealand. LATAM also saw fantastic YOY growth.

Some of the out of the way destinations last month included Tamworth NSW, Bodrum Turkey, Easter Island Chile, and Hefei China.

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**Car rental Insurance**

**THE** car rental excess insurance market is predicted to claim 10% of the car rental market and by 2020, be worth \$38m, insurance provider Tripcover has claimed.

The category has seen growth over the last four years with estimates that about 200,000 policies have sold out of 6.5M rentals in Australia per year or around of 3% of the market.

Car rental excess insurance competes with car rental companies & is a cheaper option.

The main difference between the insurance product and the car rental company's product is that in the event of an accident you need to claim with the insurer, whereas if you use the car rental companies waiver (CDW) they handle any damage issues.

**Excite adds Fiji ferries**

**TRAVEL** agents are now able to book Fiji inter-island boat transfers through Excite Holidays.

Product has been added from South Sea Cruises, the Yasawa Flyer and the Malolo Cat, which takes passengers between Port Denarau and Fiji's many islands.

Excite Holidays has experienced a 130% increase in room night sales for accommodation products in Fiji over the past year.

Agents can earn 10% commission on Fiji boat transfers - see [www.exciteholidays.com](http://www.exciteholidays.com).

**Curio Birmingham**

**REDMONT** Hotel Birmingham has opened as part of the Curio - A Collection by Hilton portfolio.

Following a multi-million dollar renovation, the Alabama hotel features state-of-the-art technology and amenities, while sticking to its 1920s roots.

The 120-room hotel has retained vaulted ceilings, a 10-foot crystal chandelier and a staircase featuring marble steps with the original iron handrail.

**Cebu celebrates 20yrs**

**CEBU** Pacific reached 20 years of service yesterday, celebrating with \$199 fares from Australia to Manila, bookable until 10 Mar.

The sale is valid for the travel period of 01 Jul-31 Mar 2017.

The airline flew for the first time on 08 Mar 1996 from Manila to Cebu and Davao and in Feb, carried over 120m passengers.



**Accommodation Updates**

**WELCOME** to Accommodation Updates, *Travel Daily's* Wed feature. If your property has undergone some recent changes you would like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description with an image to [accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au).



**Metro Hotel Perth** has unveiled its \$14 million renovation, which includes a newly-built 53-room 'Aspire Wing', new Red Bill restaurant (pictured), function rooms, reception area and lobby. The Aspire Wing rooms feature pod coffee machines, free unlimited high speed internet and unlimited NetFlix and some rooms have views over the Swan River to the CBD.



Following a FJD\$460,000 renovation, **Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort's** lagoon pool has re-opened with a new surface, water-line tiles, lighting to allow evening use and enhancements to the landscaping. The 900,000 litre pool is one of the largest in the South Pacific complementing the adults-only Vahavu pool precinct which has a swim-up bar and bistro.



Marriott Hotels has added **The Hague Marriott Hotel**, the Netherlands to its portfolio following a four-month renovation. The hotel now offers 306 rooms and suites, Marriott's signature Greatroom lobby and The Garden Terrace event space. The hotel also has a variety of dining options, an all-day cocktail bar, business centre and fitness facilities including bike rental.

**MH mulls more A350s**

**MALAYSIA** Airlines Berhad is "evaluating additional A350s in order to reach a critical fleet size", in addition to the four on order, the carrier said on Fri in its quarterly update, see **page six**.

**Vail unlimited pass**

**VAIL** Resorts has brought back unlimited skiing with the return of its Epic Pass for the 2016-2017 US winter season and 2017 Australian season.

The Epic Pass offers unlimited, unrestricted access to ski resorts in the US and Australia and is available on EpicPass.com for US\$809 for adults until 10 Apr.

On sale at perisher.com.au, the Epic Australia Pass is available for \$859, covering the 2016 Australian winter season and 2016-2017 US winter.

The Epic Australia pass has black-out dates & Vail and Beaver Creek is restricted to 10 days access across the two resorts.

**Luxury hotel show**

**MORE** than 30 Virtuoso Partner hotels and resorts will exhibit at the World's Best Luxury Hotels show on Thu, 17 Mar at Dockside, Cockle Bay (**TD** 23 Dec).

Virtuoso Asia-Pacific md Michael Londregan said the event will give advisors "the most up to date info on some of the most sought after luxury hotels."

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**Q7: Varanasi is situated on which Holy River visited in Tempo Holidays' Soul of India tour?**

*Hint: The most holy...*

## WHO Zika update

**THE** World Health Organization (WHO) has released a fresh update advising pregnant women not to travel to areas affected by the Zika virus as more evidence comes to light about the infection causing birth defects.

It comes after WHO held an emergency meeting on the rapid spread of the pathogen.

Previous advice only asked pregnant women to be warned of the risk of travel to Zika areas.

## Skyscanner on Alexa

**SKYSCANNER** Flight Search has integrated into Alexa, the Amazon Cloud-Based Voice Service making it possible to search for flights using voice activation.

Alexa can suggest flights based on a simple conversation with her about upcoming travel plans.

Skyscanner said it was the first travel search engine to take on the voice technology.

It is available now through any device using Alexa.

## DoubleTree Bogota

**DOUBLETREE** by Hilton Bogotá – Calle 100 has opened in Colombia with 88-rooms and full service accommodation in a quiet area of the Chico neighbourhood.

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## Pullman pulling power for Gras



## Colbeck round table

**THE** tourism industry has canvassed priorities ahead of the Federal Election during a round table meeting between industry ceos and Minister for Tourism, Richard Colbeck, in Canberra yesterday.

Attendees in the discussion flagged reducing the cost of visas for key and emerging markets such as China and Indonesia and providing investment in destination marketing.

The parties also called on the government to help increase the visitor economy workforce and continue to freeze the Passenger Movement Charge.

**PULLMAN** Sydney Hyde Park again proved it was the place to be for local and international guests attending the 2016 Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Located on College Street, guests could view the parade from an exclusive barricaded area off limited to the general public.

The hotel hosted the Mardi Gras official volunteers and was visited by MP Bill Shorten and MP Tanya Plibersek, who joined the celebrations ahead of the Rainbow Labour float.

The hotel's gm Sarah Connelly is pictured above with the two politicians, who share the same views as AccorHotels on marriage equality.



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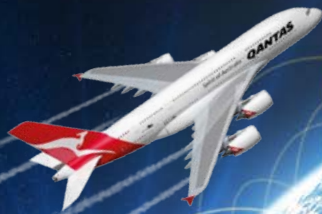
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