

Determinants of regional airfares inquiry
Productivity Commission
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Submission

Bundaberg is served by three airlines only, being Qantas, Virgin and Link Airways.

As per a Google AI search on 26/02/2026;

“Link Airways is **not owned** by Virgin Australia, but they have a close [codeshare partnership](#) allowing Virgin to sell tickets on 17 regional routes. As an independent carrier owned by Corporate Air, Link Airways operates these flights, while passengers can earn Velocity Frequent Flyer points and access benefits.”

Jetstar does not fly into Bundaberg.

My question to the Productivity Commission is why are both major airlines, and a third airline (closely associated with one of them), the only airlines flying between Bundaberg and Brisbane?

My speculation (without evidence) is that they do so to deny alternative operators a market in which to establish an independent competitive regional airline market.

This is something I suggest that the PC investigate to determine if this is the case, in whole or in part.

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