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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Mr Bryan Griffin  
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Dear Mr Griffin

1. I refer to your letter of 9 February 2009 to Mr Bruce Byron, Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regarding a medical issue during your employment at Qantas. Mr Byron has asked me to respond on his behalf.
2. I am aware that Dr Ian Hosegood, CASA's previous Principal Medical Officer responded to you by email on 27 November 2008 and that you have also received a response from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government through his Department on this issue.
3. It appears that your matter has been reviewed a number of times within this organisation over more than 20 years. This includes a determination in 1983 that the Director of Aviation Medicine found insufficient evidence to regard you as failing to meet the airline transport commercial pilot medical standards. CASA will not make further or new determinations on the category your medical condition would have been in 1979.
4. However, if a current pilot had similar symptoms (to those of yours in 1979) it is likely that CASA would recommend further investigation of the medical condition and may, depending on the circumstances, ask that the pilot discontinue flying pending the results of the investigation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Carmody', written over a large, stylized 'C'.

Shane Carmody  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
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