



FAAA NEWS

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Attention all Domestic/Regional Members

1:36 CABIN CREW TO PASSENGER RATIO : GOOD NEWS

As members would be aware following FAAA Newsletters last year, a proposal to increase the cabin crew to passenger ratio from 1:36 to 1:50 has been under consideration by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

Your Association has strenuously opposed this proposal and has made representations to all parties (Regulatory authorities, Government bodies and Politicians) involved in the decision making process to ensure your legitimate concerns were addressed.

Following these representations and in light of the Qantaslink incident on the 29th May 2003, the Opposition raised the issue in Parliament Question Time on Monday 2nd June 2003. The Federal Transport Minister John Anderson stated that there would be no change to the present ratio of 1:36.

All Flight Attendants should applaud this decision to stay with the current ratio. Any other outcome would have had a devastating affect on Flight Attendant numbers in this country. Your Association and in particular Victorian Branch Councillor Jenny Whitehead has worked tirelessly to ensure that the status quo remained.

Members need to be vigilant, this issue will resurface and when it does your Association will again use its influence and resources to fight for the long term safety and security of its members and the travelling public.

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