

The Announcement

After years of work WCC, WIAL and Singapore Airlines are delighted to announce a new service between Wellington and Singapore via Canberra

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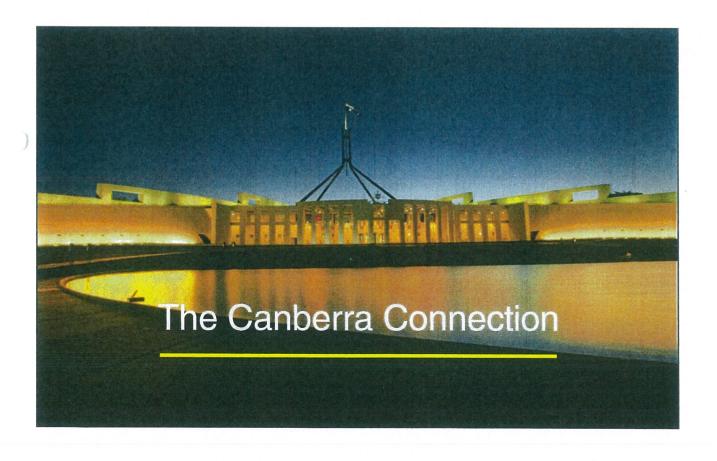
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Transit stop in Canberra of 1 hour and 30 minutes but same plane, same seat and no customs



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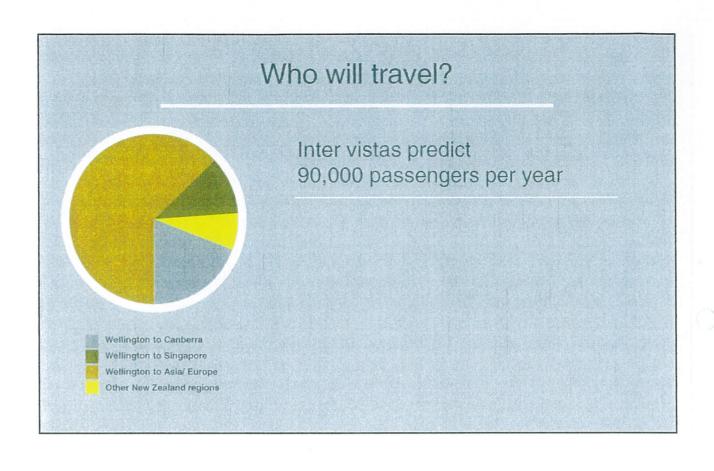
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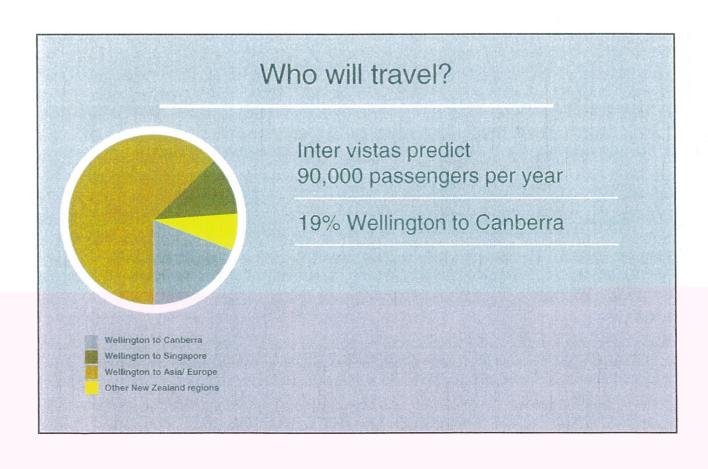
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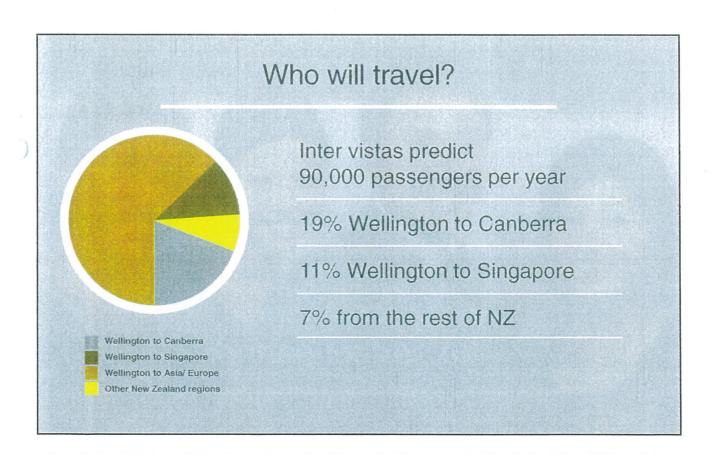
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Business opportunities with Canberra having the wealthiest and smartest demographic in Oz



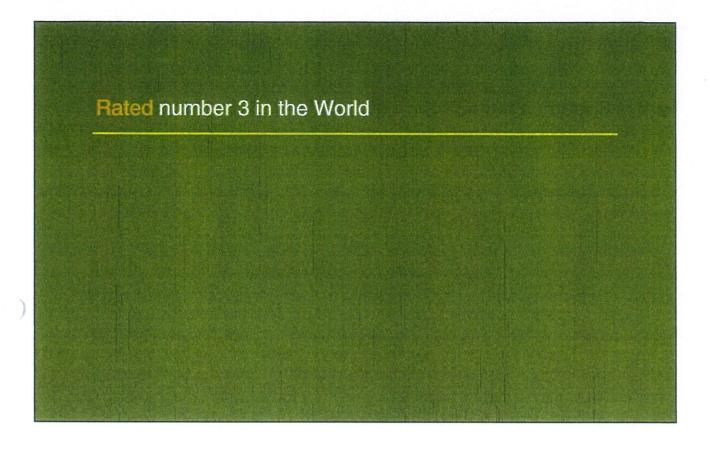


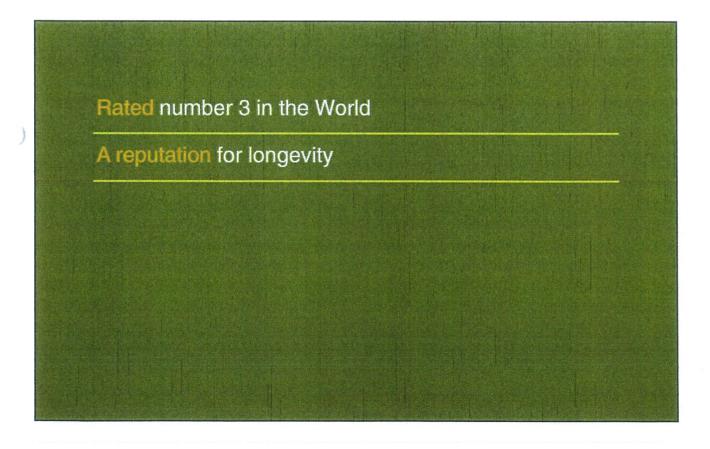












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Singapore Changi Airport — Asia's best hub with the most comprehensive range of international connections



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Will lead to lower prices from other long haul carriers to compete with the superior SIA service

Make no mistake — this is an important step to direct flights

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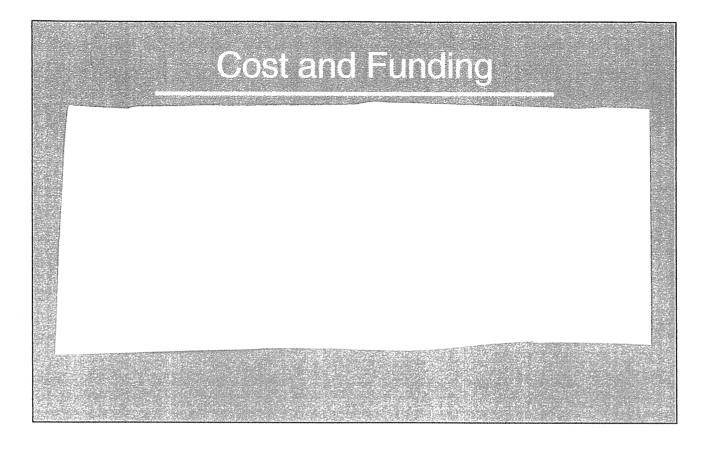
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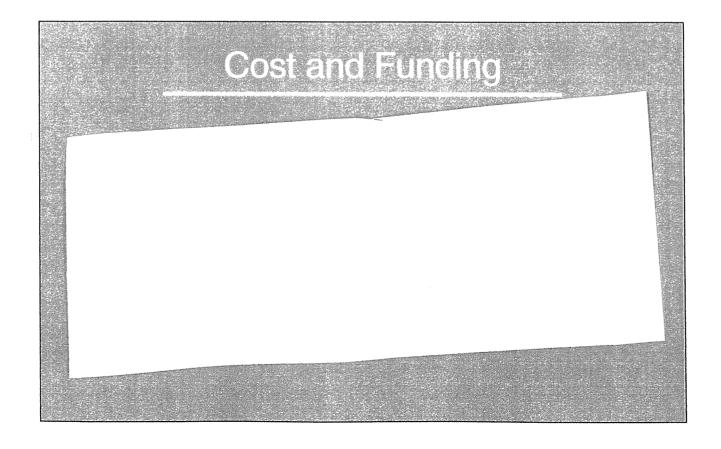
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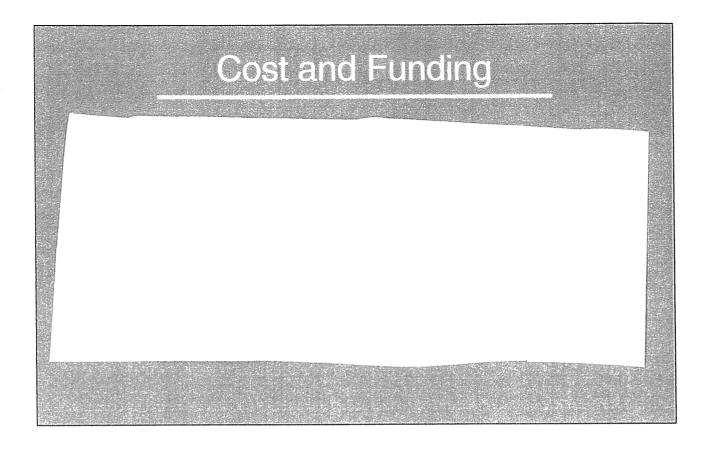
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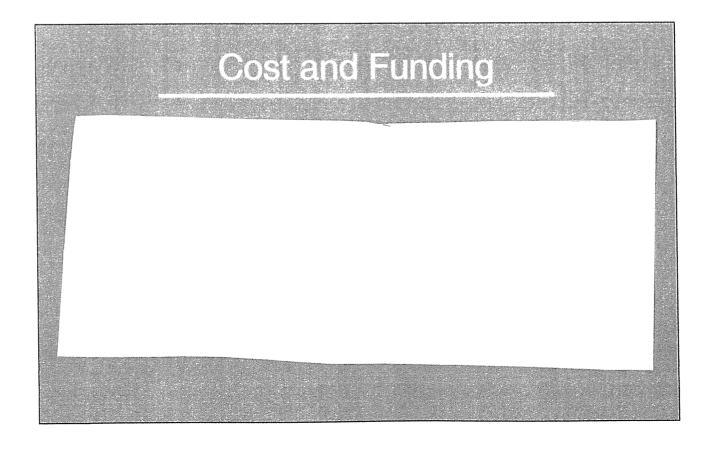
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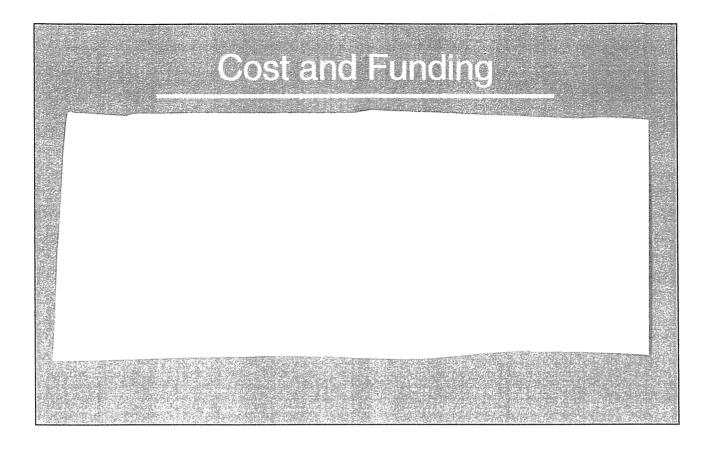
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This is a major step towards realising our dream of direct flights to Asia and Europe



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