



Special Commission of Inquiry into the Ruby Princess

EXHIBIT 110

Letter and attachment from the Flight Attendants' Association of Australia
dated 22 June 2020



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Dear Ms Hoy

I refer to your letter of 3 June 2020 requesting further information relating to our Submission to the Special Inquiry.

Please see our response to your letter below, numbered sequentially to your questions asked:

1. We are unable to confirm with certainty the exact number of cabin crew infected with COVID-19 that are traced directly to Ruby Princess Passengers. This is because there was no contact tracing completed for any passengers that have departed Australia. Contact tracing was only completed for confirmed cases arriving into Australia. However, five cabin crew tested positive for COVID-19, see attached table at 'Attachment A.'

We assert that it could be arguable that there may be a causal link to Ruby Princess passengers or crew. This is based on our cabin crew members observing Ruby Princess passengers or staff on a number of flights, and then some of them later testing positive to COVID-19.

2. We have anecdotal evidence which is contained in Attachment A. This is based on enquires by a Health and Safety Representative (HSR) to Qantas in relation to Ruby Princess passengers and confidential documents from Qantas management relating to crew affected by Ruby Princess passengers.
3. The number of cabin crew on each of the flights is contained in Attachment A.
4. The cabin crew are identified in Attachment A.
5. Attached are the following statements:
 - a. Mr David Horsfall, Health and Safety Representative for Qantas International Cabin Crew and President of the Flight Attendants Association of Australia;
 - b. Ms Toni Lockyer, FAAA Domestic WHS Councillor

Ms O'Toole, Mr Horsfall and Ms Lockyer and are willing to attend a public hearing if required.

If any further information is needed please contact Mr Lou Nesci, Assistant Secretary of the FAAA, on (02) 8337 1111.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Lou Nesci', with a stylized, flowing script.

Lou Nesci
Assistant Secretary-International
on behalf of the Secretaries of the International and Domestic Divisions of the Flight Attendants'
Association of Australia

Attachment A

Date	Flight	Comment	Comment	Number of cabin crew on flight
19 March	QF1	Ruby Princess passengers on board this flight	Email evidence	21 crew
20 March	QF94	One of our members reported he had face to face discussions with Ruby Princess Passengers and/or staff on his flight to Los Angeles QF95 on 19 March 2020. He later tested positive for COVID-19 after returning home to Australia on this flight.	1 positive COVID case	10 crew
19 March	QF19	This was a Sydney to Manila flight, Flight Attendants later reported having up to 18 cruise ship staff their flight returning to Manila. It is unknown if they subsequently tested positive.	Email evidence from management - not been made aware of Ruby Princess passengers	9 crew
19 March	QF581	Sydney to Perth flight	*	8 crew
19 March	QF577	Sydney to Perth flight	*	8 crew
19 March	QF759	Sydney to Adelaide flight	*	4 crew
19 March	QF524	Sydney to Brisbane flight	Email evidence	5 crew

19 March	QF495	Sydney to Melbourne flight	*	5 crew
20 March	QF536	Sydney to Brisbane flight	*	4 crew
20 March	QF528	Sydney to Brisbane flight	*	5 crew
21 March	QF7	We are aware of the fact that Ruby Princess passengers were onboard	Email evidence	21 crew
22 March	QF7	Four cabin crew members that were flying to Dallas tested positive upon their return	Evidence in the form of a screenshot. 4 cabin crew tested positive for COVID-19	21 crew

*For flagged domestic flights, cabin crew advised us via social media that they were made aware of cruise ship passengers on the flights