TIMETO RESET Adapting to the new world

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Key points

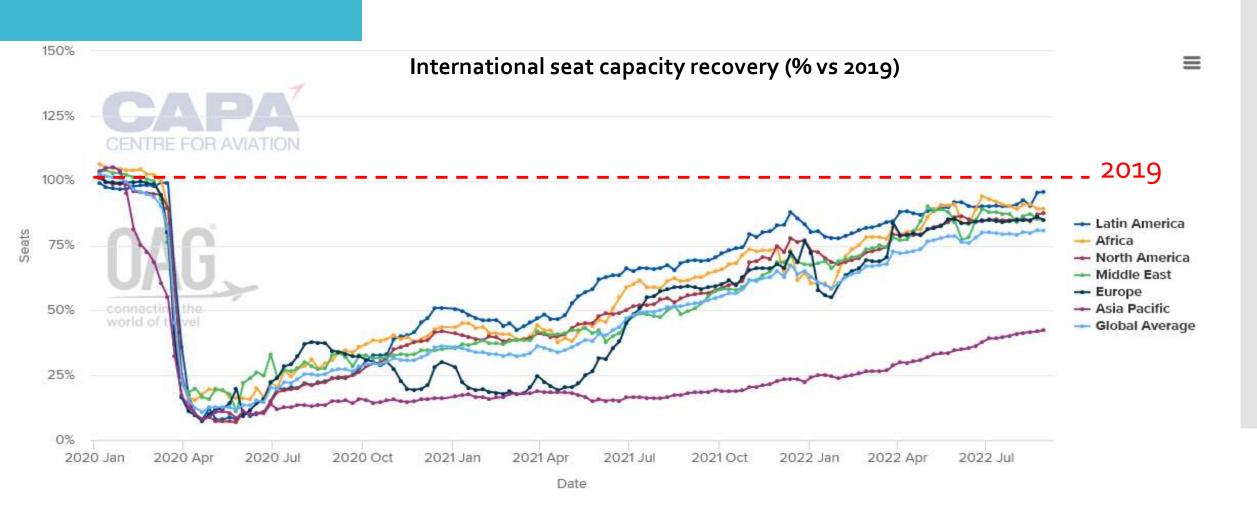
- 1. A time for fundamental strategic rethink– must include partnerships
- 2. The future travel and tourism market is short-medium haul, non-stop





International capacity returns

- but Asia is lagging for now

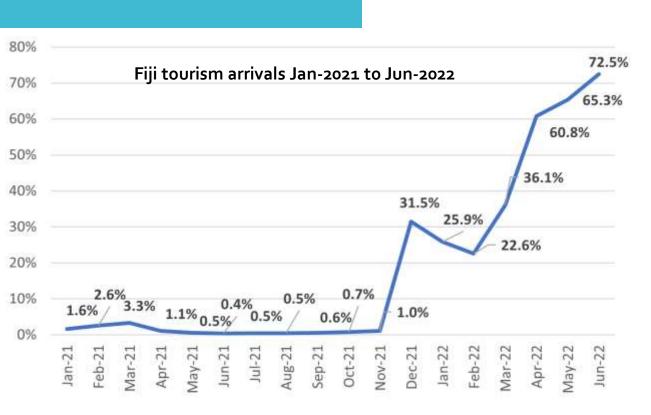


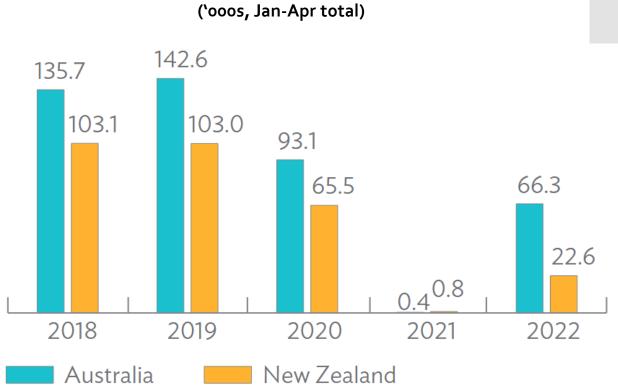




Island tourism

-boosted by lifting border restrictions





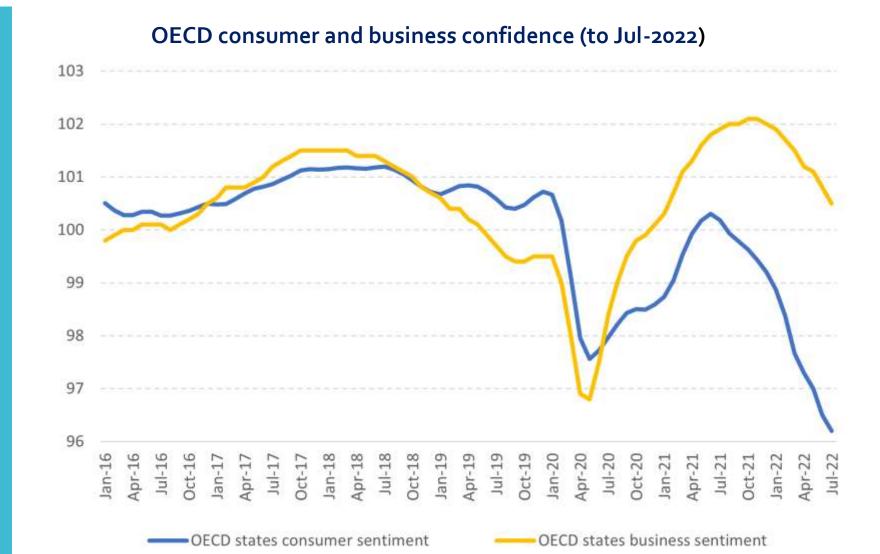
Tourist departures for Pacific destinations

Source: CAPA - Centre for Aviation





OECD Consumer confidence lowest in 25 years

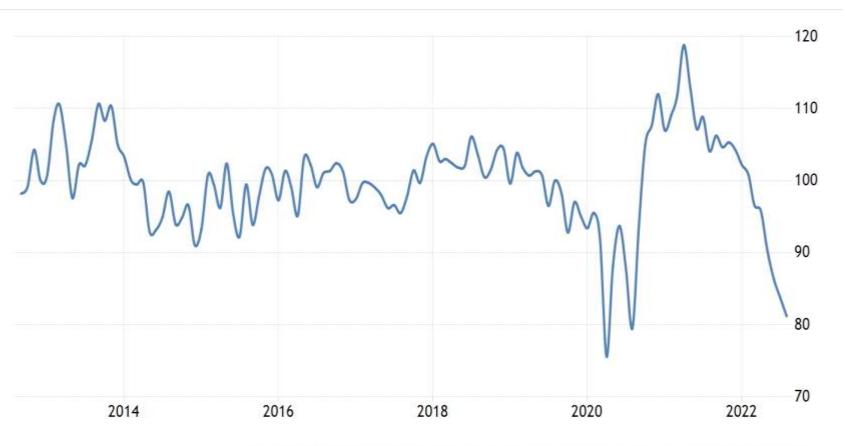






Australia Consumer confidence impacted by interest rates and inflation

Australia consumer confidence (10 years to Aug-2022)



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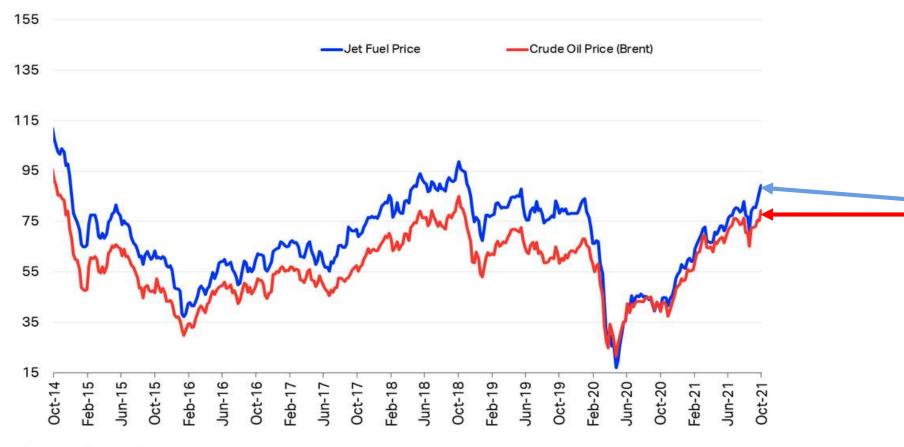




A worrying sign (2021)







Jet fuel prices are getting out of sync with crude

Source: Platts, Datastream





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Jet fuel prices are *greatly* out of sync with crude

Oil prices are predicted to fall (a bit) if economies cool. But maybe not jet fuel

IATA 2-Sep-2022



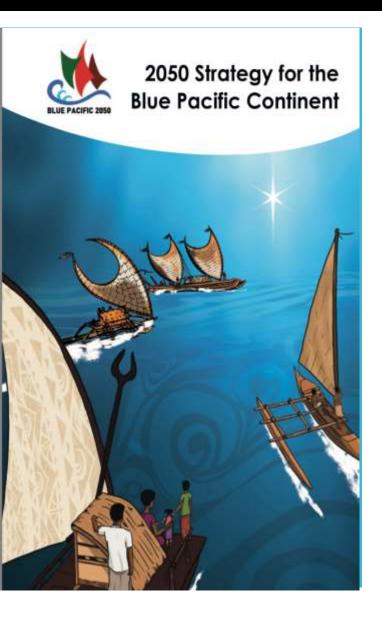


Industry uncertainty is greatest in decades

- Jackson Hole meeting of Central Bankers: conflict between US (+interest) and Asian (-interest) goals
- Time to be reassessing strategy
- Recognise there are many and unpredictable/uncontrollable changes:
 - Energy crisis, food crisis, supply chain crisis, inflation, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, China-Taiwan tension, China regional moves
 - And for aviation: human resources shortages, debt burdens, fuel prices, passenger demand changes
- Adopt new more conservative long term strategies









Thematic Area - Technology And Connectivity

This thematic area highlights the need for a well-connected region that ensures inclusive, affordable and accessible air, sea and land transport and ICT technology infrastructure and services. Technology and infrastructure is often unaffordable, inaccessible, and difficult to maintain. The adoption of new and emerging sustainable digital technologies requires effective partnerships and appropriate regional regulatory arrangements that respect the region's shared values.

The thematic area also draws attention to the importance of disaggregated data and data sovereignty and more detailed information for improved decision-making while ensuring safeguard measures are in place.

Present Situation

There remains a need to access and embrace technological advancements.

Capacity building is required to take advantage of technology that has been developed to address the needs of isolated small island states.

The region needs to adopt up-to-date technology to increase safety and security of air and sea transport.

Strategic Pathways

Strengthen partnerships and regulatory arrangements to promote regional transport and ICT connectivity and increased regional cooperation, whilst respecting data sovereignty in the collection, analysis and use of data and information to support effective decision making.

All Members are connected, and their urban, rural and outer-island communities have access to safe, reliable, affordable and culturally sensitive air, land and sea transport and to ICT services.

Strengthen scientifically based research and technology to identify opportunities and manage associated risks for improved transport and connectivity.

Harness new and emerging technologies to reduce risks and more effectively respond to adversity and strengthen intra-regional and global connectivity.

Seek strategic and genuine partnerships that enhance regional policies and investments for effective transport and communications and connectivity within the region and globally.

Level of Ambition

All Pacific peoples benefit from their access to affordable, safe and reliable land, air and sea transport and ICT infrastructure, and systems and operations, while ensuring culturally sensitive user-protection and cyber security.





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Partnerships have been tried before, but....

- This isn't just another blip. It's time to re-evaluate the entire aviation and tourism strategy for the region
- Alternative:
 - Independent island airlines continue to dig their debt hole deeper and deeper
 - Tourism becomes more unpredictable
 - ANZ airlines dictate operations
- If ever there was a time for collaboration, it's now....





The Tourism Dilemma for SPac airlines

- Climate change vs tourism
- Flights >5,000 km are biggest polluters
- 40% of airline emissions are from long haul flights, so they are the most vulnerable
- Governments and activists and travellers will exert pressure
- Airlines will need to demonstrate no conflict with national environmental goals





Australian aircraft orders are predominantly narrowbody

A350s only start to arrive in three years (just replacing A380s?)







Qantas Group focus is on long haul narrowbodies range 7-10 hours

The A220 (as Air Vanuatu knows) is ideal for island services

Aircraft Airbus A220-300	In service 0	Inactive 0	On order (confirmed)	
				20
Airbus A320-200	66	3		0
Airbus A320neo	0	0	148	45
Airbus A321-200	6	0	narrowbodies	0
Airbus A321neoLR	1	0		27
Airbus A321neoXLR	0	0		56
Airbus A321P2F	3	0		0
Airbus A330-200	16	2		0
Airbus A330-300	9	1		0
Airbus A350-1000XWB	0	0		12
Airbus A380-800	3	9		0
Boeing 737-300(F)	4	0		0
Boeing 737-400(F)	1	0		0
Boeing 737-800	75	0		0
Boeing 767-300F	1	0		0
Boeing 787-8	11	0		0
Boeing 787-9	11	0		3

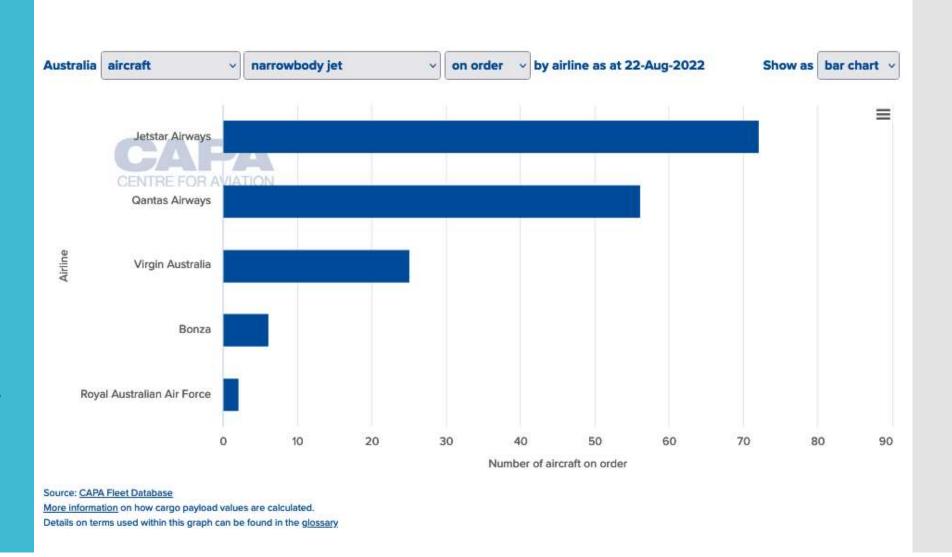
Source: CAPA Fleet database





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Qantas - A320 family Virgin - MAX 10s Bonza - MAX 8s







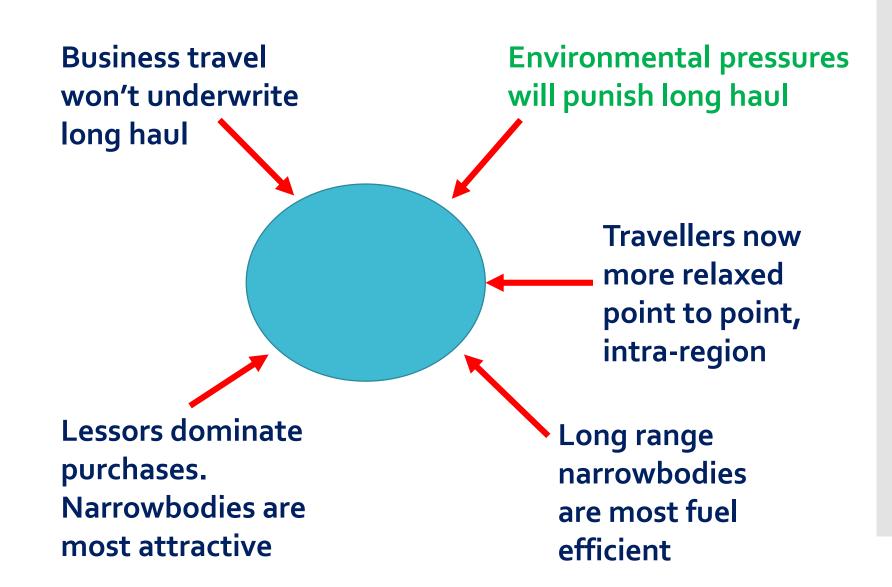
The S word

- Environmental Sustainability, the new BIG kid on the aviation block
- Fundamental change coming
- Environmental pressures will become powerful by 2025
- ESG* pressures will influence companies and tourists
- There's no prospect of SAFs by 2030
- Offsets won't cut the mustard in future





The future travel and tourism market



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