 National Transportation Safety Board FACTUAL REPORT AVIATION	NTSB ID: DCA08RA084	Aircraft Registration Number: VH-OJK
	Occurrence Date: 07/25/2008	Most Critical Injury: None
	Occurrence Type: Accident	Investigated By: Foreign

Location/Time

Nearest City/Place Manila	State	Zip Code	Local Time 1115	Time Zone	
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Airport Proximity:	Distance From Landing Facility:
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Aircraft Information Summary

Aircraft Manufacturer Boeing	Model/Series 747-400	Type of Aircraft Airplane
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Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No

Air Medical Transport Flight: No

Narrative


Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:


At approximately 11:15 AM local time, Manila, Philippines, the crew of Qantas flt 30, a Boeing 747-400, VH-OJK, executed an emergency landing after a section of the fuselage separated at an altitude of approximately 29,000 feet and resulted in a rapid depressurization of the cabin. The flight was scheduled passenger service from Hong Kong to Melbourne Australia. Following the depressurization event, the crew descended the aircraft to 10,000 feet in accordance with established procedures and diverted the aircraft to Manila where a safe landing was carried out. The aircraft taxied to the terminal unassisted, where the passengers and crew disembarked. There were no reported injuries to the 346 passengers or 19 crew members.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) is investigating this accident, and the NTSB dispatched a U.S. Accredited Representative as well as a technical advisor for aircraft airworthiness to Manila to assist the ATSB. Representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration and Boeing also traveled as technical advisors to the U.S. Accredited Representative. All requests for information should be directed to the ATSB:

Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB)
P.O. Box 967, Civic Square
Canberra A.C.T. 2608
Australia

Website: <http://www.atsb.gov.au>

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Landing Facility/Approach Information						
Airport Name		Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:						
Runway Surface Condition:						
Approach/Arrival Flown:						
VFR Approach/Landing:						
Aircraft Information						
Aircraft Manufacturer Boeing		Model/Series 747-400		Serial Number		
Airworthiness Certificate(s):						
Landing Gear Type:						
Amateur Built Acft? No	Number of Seats:	Certified Max Gross Wt. LBS		Number of Engines:		
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:	Rated Power:			
- Aircraft Inspection Information						
Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection Hours		Airframe Total Time Hours		
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information						
ELT Installed?/Type	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?				
Owner/Operator Information						
Registered Aircraft Owner		Street Address				
		City	State	Zip Code		
Operator of Aircraft QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED		Street Address 203 Coward Street				
		City Mascot NSW	State	Zip Code 2020		
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code: GN4Y			
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held:						
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): Foreign Operation						
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:			
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Non-U.S., Commercial						
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Scheduled; International; Passenger Only						

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First Pilot Information

Name	City	State	Date of Birth	Age
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Sex:	Seat Occupied:	Occupational Pilot?	Certificate Number:
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Certificate(s):

Airplane Rating(s):

Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA:

Instrument Rating(s):

Instructor Rating(s):

Current Biennial Flight Review?

Medical Cert.:	Medical Cert. Status:	Date of Last Medical Exam:
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- Flight Time Matrix	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot In Command(PIC)										
Instructor										
Instruction Received										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

Seatbelt Used?	Shoulder Harness Used?	Toxicology Performed?	Second Pilot?
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Flight Plan/Itinerary

Type of Flight Plan Filed: Unknown


Departure Point	State	Airport Identifier	Departure Time	Time Zone
Hong Kong		HKG		
Destination	State	Airport Identifier		
Melbourne		MEL		

Type of Clearance:

Type of Airspace:

Weather Information

Source of Wx Information:

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Weather Information

WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation Ft. MSL	WOF Distance From Accident Site NM	Direction From Accident Site Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:				Ft. AGL	Condition of Light:
Lowest Ceiling:			Ft. AGL	Visibility: SM	Altimeter: "Hg
Temperature: °C	Dew Point: °C	Weather Conditions at Accident Site:			
Wind Direction:		Wind Speed:		Wind Gusts:	
Visibility (RVR): Ft.	Visibility (RVV) SM				
Precip and/or Obscuration:					

Accident Information

Aircraft Damage: Substantial	Aircraft Fire:	Aircraft Explosion
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- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot				1	1
Second Pilot				1	1
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants				17	17
Other Crew					
Passengers				346	346
- TOTAL ABOARD -				365	365
Other Ground	0	0	0		0
- GRAND TOTAL -	0	0	0	365	365

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

Joe Sedor

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation: