



WoAG Travel Advice 2018/18

Subject: Lion Air – Announcement from DFAT

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Dear Entity Travel Manager,

As a result of the Lion Air plane crash on 29 October 2018, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through Smartraveller has instructed all Australian Government officials and contractors not to fly with Lion Air or its subsidiary airlines until further notice.

Subsidiary airlines are Batik Air, Wings Air, Thai Lion Air, Malinda Air, Lion Langkawi and Lion Air Australia.

Please be aware that these airlines may be available through the Online Booking Tool but should not be selected regardless of cost. If no alternative carrier is available, travellers are requested to consider different transport arrangements and to address the DFAT direction in assessing the risk associated with their travel.

The direction will be reviewed when the findings from the air crash investigation are announced. Until that time, DFAT has advised a high degree of caution when travelling to Indonesia overall.

For further updates, please refer to the DFAT website.

Please contact woagtravel@finance.gov.au if you require further information.