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Dear Steve

**Airports Services – s 56G reports, Process and Issues paper 31 May 2012**

1. Thank you for your letter of 15 June 2012. Following consideration of your correspondence and that of the NZ Airports Association, we have decided to grant an extension to the due date for submissions on the Process and Issues Paper until 29 June 2012, and until 13 July for cross-submissions. Our response to the NZ Airports Association is attached, for your information.
2. This extension provides all interested persons with a full six weeks to provide their views to the Commission on the proposed process and WIAL's disclosures. We consider that this is a generous amount of time, for WIAL in particular given the level of familiarity WIAL has with its own data. We also note that this amount of time is also generous relative to timeframes provided on arguably more complex matters, such as input methodologies.
3. If, however, WIAL is unable to provide its views on all the questions asked of its disclosures by the new due date, and would like to do so, there are other opportunities to do so in our proposed process, namely at the proposed conference and in submissions on our draft report.
4. In granting this extension, we note that we have provided WIAL, and all other interested persons, with an opportunity to give their views in relation to WIAL's disclosures early on in the process, rather than proceeding with our review and leaving consultation until we have published a draft report. Proceeding with the review without this extra round of consultation is possible given that WIAL has made its disclosures.
5. Section 56G implies that consultation should be undertaken after we have reviewed the disclosed information. However, we have included this extra consultation into the process. It will allow interested persons to give their views early on as to the type of questions we should be asking of the disclosures.
6. In your letter you indicate that WIAL did not expect this work would commence until some s 53B(2) analysis had been undertaken. Our view is that reporting to the

Ministers of Commerce and Transport under s 56G(1) on how effectively information disclosure regulation under Part 4 is promoting the purpose of Part 4 is a different function to that of publishing a summary and analysis of the information disclosed under Part 4 information disclosure regulation. The tasks required of the Commission under ss 53B(2) and 56G are distinct, serve two different purposes and are intended for a different audience. The purpose of the summary and analysis is to provide guidance and assistance to interested parties regarding the information disclosed. In contrast, the purpose of s 56G is to report to the Minister on the effectiveness of ID regulation in relation to each airport separately. While some of the summary and analysis may be useful for both the s53B(2) and s 56G tasks, there is no requirement as to the chronological order for compliance with, or interdependence of, these sections.

7. In reflecting on how to make the most efficient use of Commission resources and the levy budget, our view is that to the extent possible, the analysis of disclosures should be undertaken at the same time as analysis required for the s 56G reports, rather than one before the other.
8. We look forward to receiving WIAL's submissions.
9. In accordance with usual practice, I have asked that your letter and this reply be published on our website.

Yours sincerely



Dr Mark Berry  
Chair

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