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Secretariat
Commerce Committee
Select Committee Office
Parliament Buildings

Wellington 6011

Dear Sir

Commerce Commission submission on the Interim report on the Commerce (Cartels and Other Matters) Amendment Bill (Bill no. 341-1)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Interim report of the Commerce Select Committee inviting views on the international shipping and international civil aviation exemptions.

The Commerce Commission (the Commission) considers that competition law is sufficiently flexible to deal with issues in international shipping and international aviation. We support the proposal to transition these industries to a competition regime that is governed by the Commerce Act 1986.

We would like the opportunity to discuss the financial implications of this proposal. We note that transitioning these industries so they fall under the Commerce Act and its clearance and authorisation regimes may result in a material increase in our workload.

We would also like the opportunity to comment on the detail of any transitional arrangements. The transition may have operational implications for the Commission, as well as for a number of businesses, and these need to be carefully considered.

If you have any further enquiries regarding our submission please contact Rebecca McAtamney, Chief Adviser Advocacy and Development by phone (04) 924 3633 or by email rebecca.mcatamney@comcom.govt.nz in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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