



Office of the Mayor.

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By email to IM.Review@comcom.govt.nz

Vhari McWha
Commissioner
Commerce Commission
WELLINGTON

Dear Vhari McWha

I write to express concern about the Input Methodologies Review and its impact on regional airports.

Nelson City Council is the half owner of Nelson Airport, and I am concerned about the effect these changes will have on our airport opportunities.

We receive very modest dividends from Nelson Airport and worry that an approach to metropolitan airports will be carried into regional airports.

I note that our pricing per passenger is significantly less than the international airports, but for a much smaller volume of passengers.

My plea is that the Commerce Commission take a careful look at the impacts on locally owned regional airports in any changes to its pricing models to ensure they are not unfairly affected by the proposed changes.

Yours sincerely

Hon Dr Nick Smith
Mayor of Nelson