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### **Response to NZ Airports Association letter - 22 June 2023**

Tēnā koe Billie

Thank you for the letter from the NZ Airports Association of 22 June 2023.

As your letter relates to our Input Methodology (IM) Review process, we intend to publish it, as well as this response, on our website.

With our IM Review draft decisions having been released, in the interests of procedural fairness for all interested parties it is not appropriate for us to meet with a party, or only a select number of parties, to receive oral submissions or otherwise discuss the reasons for those draft decisions.

The reasons for our draft decisions are set out in our Topic Papers and Report on the IM Review components of our draft decision package. We therefore welcome written submissions on our draft decision package, which we will publish to enable all other interested parties to consider and respond to, if they wish, in cross-submissions. We consider this is a fairer, more transparent, and more robust way of obtaining and testing interested parties' views on our draft decisions.

Regarding your request for a two-week extension to the deadline for your submissions on our IM Review draft decisions, we do not consider the reason you've provided in your letter warrants an extension. This mainly reflects that:

- we consider interested parties have had adequate visibility and notice of the scope of the IM Review (covering all IM policy decisions) and general timing of our consultation on our draft decisions, which were first been signposted in our Notice of Intention (NoI) published in February 2022. We updated and republished the NoI on 1 March 2023, advising that we would "consult on [our draft decisions] and the accompanying draft determinations in mid-June. We anticipate that consultation will be over a five-week period, with two weeks for cross submissions." We sent a further stakeholder email update on 1 June 2023 confirming these dates;

- we consider the consultation timeframe of five weeks, plus two weeks for cross submissions, is reasonable and generally consistent with similar consultations we have previously done; and
- the statutory timeframe for us to publish our final decisions on the IM Review is 20 December 2023. The consultation timeline has been carefully considered to enable us to take account of interested parties' submissions and cross-submissions on our draft decisions and make our final decisions within this timeframe.

We appreciate that this is not the decision you were seeking. However, as set out above, we consider the communicated timeframes are reasonable. We value your input into our decisions and encourage you to make a submission to the IM Review on 19 July.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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