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Fax #: (04) 471 0771**Dear Ms Brown**

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE - PRICE CONTROL STUDY OF AIRFIELD
 ACT IVLTIES**

Your letter of 6 August 1999 seeking comment in relation to, the Proposed Timetable for Progressing the Inquiry refers.

In light of the extended reporting date, it is Ansett New Zealand's view that it is both important and desirable that the Commission continues to maintain an active overview of the sector during the period leading to the filing of the final report with the Minister in August 2002.

It is Ansett New Zealand's further view that the extended reporting period provides an opportunity to phase the process in such manner as to allow for an intermediate or interim step. This should ensure that the fullest opportunity is extended to all interested parties to participate in this most important Inquiry. Consequently we would propose a phasing along the following lines:

STAGE	PROPOSED TIMETABLE
Initial Submissions	December 2000
Draft Interim Report	April 2001
Conference of Interested Parties	July 2001
Submissions on Interim Report	October 2001
Interim Report to Minister	December 2001
Conference of Interested Parties	March 2002
Final Submissions	April 2002
Experts Reports	June 2002
Final Report to Minister	August 2002

By adopting a programme along the lines suggested it will importantly provide an ongoing involvement of the Commission over the period of the extension. At the same time the industry will have practical experience of the operation of the Information Disclosure Regulations as well as being able to assess the effectiveness or otherwise of the consultation process between AIAL and CIAL

and its customer airlines. Additionally it is presently unclear as to what amendments to the Commerce Act's regulatory framework may or may not be made by the present or a new Parliament. Such changes could impact the context of the Inquiry.

Finally thank you for the opportunity to make submit our views on the proposed timetable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graeme B. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Graeme" being the most prominent.

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