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*Dear John,*

**Ministry of Transport Submission to Commerce Commission Price Control Study of Airfield Activities**

This letter advises the Commerce Commission about work being carried out by the Ministry of Transport regarding aspects of the airports' regulatory framework, and in particular, how this work relates to the Commission's price control study of airfield activities.

The Ministry of Transport intends to begin reviewing aspects of the airports' regulatory framework. The Ministry emphasises, however, that this work will not be sufficiently advanced to inform or influence the Commerce Commission's final recommendations regarding price control.

Over the next six months, the Ministry will undertake preliminary work in respect to the consultation process (as it applies to all airports companies) and the information disclosure regime. During this period work will be limited to, on one hand, building up a picture of how the consultation process has worked in practise and, on the other hand, assessing airport compliance with the disclosure requirements. Following this preliminary work, and taking into account the Commerce Commission's final recommendation, the Ministry will be in a better position to begin considering whether changes are required to the regulatory framework as a whole.

Yours sincerely

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