

**Proposed Amendments to Inquiry Timetable**

INTRODUCTION

On 2 September 1999, the Commerce Commission (the Commission), having considered submissions from interested parties, adopted and published a *Revised Timetable (ref A99/3)* for its price control study of airfield activities as a result of the Minister of Commerce and Enterprise extending the Commission's reporting date to 1 August 2002.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO TIMETABLE

At the time, the Commission reserved the right to alter the timetable, at its discretion, if it considered it necessary. Since then, the Commission has agreed to release a revised and updated Critical Issues Paper in early December 2000 and has extended the length of the conference. Recently, the Commission reviewed the timetable and agreed, subject to comment from interested parties, to make two further amendments to the timetable. The proposed changes are as follows:

- That the due date for experts' reports be moved to 27 April 2001, the same date as submission's on the draft report are due.
- That the opportunity for both interested parties and experts to make "cross" submissions be added, and that these submission be due on 18 May 2001 (when experts' reports were due). Cross submissions allow interested parties and experts to make written comment on other submissions and experts' reports (in addition to the opportunity provided at the conference).

Stage	Current Timetable	Proposed Amendments
Revised/Updated Critical Issues Paper	Early December 2000 ¹	
Initial Submissions	2 February 2001	
Draft Report	16 March 2001	
Submissions on Draft Report	27 April 2001	
Experts' Reports	18 May 2001	27 April 2001 (changed date)
Cross Submissions		18 May 2001 (new)
Conference	5-8 and 11-14 June 2001 ¹	
Completion of the Commission's Report	1 August 2001	
Commission Reports to Minister	No later than 1 August 2002	

1: Amendments already made since 2 September 1999, as noted above.

COMMENT SOUGHT

The Commission invites interested parties to provide comment on the proposed changes. Any comments should reach the Commission **by Wednesday 15 November 2000**.

The Commission will consider comments received from interested parties before finalising changes to the timetable for the inquiry. It expects to announce changes to the timetable when it releases its revised and updated Critical Issues Paper in early December 2000.

Comments should be sent to:

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