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Ms Margaret Arblaster General Manager – Transport and Prices Oversight Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Box 520J Melbourne Victoria, 3001



Dear Ms Arblaster

Subject; Airservices Draft Price Notification

I write to you in relation to the Airservices draft price notification currently under review by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

Whilst the fee structure proposed to the ACCC is significantly less than the initial proposal by Airservices, at some airports it still represents approximately a 70% increase over a 5 year period from current charges for terminal navigation fees.

As providers of aeromedical services, any sudden, unexpected or substantial price increase is of concern to us. Whilst many aeromedical operations rely on government funding, most rely on fund raising and transport fees to support their costly operations. Fee increases of this magnitude cannot simply be passed on to the users of our services without placing financial burden on them.

I would ask that you note our concerns in relation to this fee increase and support our submission that other strategies should be developed to address the need for Airservices to increase fees.

Yours sincerely

Keith Young Secretary

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