

**INTERIM PRICE AMENDMENTS
AVIATION RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) SERVICES**

Dear <<Customer>>

I am writing to you to seek your views concerning interim amendments that Airservices Australia is proposing to the price for Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services.

We are proposing these amendments in response to the objection made by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to increases in ARFF prices which we proposed late last year. Following consideration of feedback from industry and subject to a review by the ACCC these amendments will become effective on 1 July 2005 and will operate until 31st December 2005.

The interim amendments we are proposing are as follows:

- To make ARFF charges applicable only to aircraft above 5.7 tonnes Maximum Take-Off Weight (MTOW);
- To continue with existing ARFF charges (including no charge for Maroochydore and Townsville) for aircraft above 5.7 tonnes MTOW and below 15.1 tonnes MTOW;
- To apply the ARFF charges we previously proposed to the ACCC only to those aircraft above 15.1 tonnes MTOW.

Further details including the proposed prices that would apply under these amendments are outlined in the attachment to this letter - **Reviewing the ARFF Charging Structure**. You will note from this attachment that our longer term goal is to work with industry to develop an alternative pricing structure for ARFF which will come into effect on 1 January 2006. However, at this stage of our consultation we are seeking your views on the interim pricing amendments only.

The timeframe for consultation regarding the interim pricing amendments concludes on 24th April 2005 (for other key dates please see the table in the attached paper). Written feedback should be provided prior to this date to my email address (as above) or marked for my attention and faxed to the fax number above.

Your feedback will be included in the draft price notification we plan to submit to the ACCC on 26th April 2005. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss our proposal with you.

Yours sincerely,



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4th April 2005