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Mr Patrick Gay

Dear Messrs Gray and Gay

**Air New Zealand and Air Canada applications for authorisation A91097 & A91098
- interested party consultation**

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 6 August 2008.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

6 August 2008	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
19 August 2008	Public consultation process begins.
5 September 2008	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.

19 September 2008	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
October 2008	Draft determination.
October-November 2008	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
December 2008	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Gina D'Ettorre on 03 9290 1483.

Yours sincerely



Darrell Channing
Director
Adjudication Branch