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Dear Dr Chadwick,


Virgin Australia/Air New Zealand - application for variation of compliance with conditions of authorisation

Thank you for the opportunity to consider the application for partial relief of conditions relating to the trans-Tasman Airline Alliance authorisation.

The Wellington Stakeholder Group has convened and discussed the content of the application. The group does not wish to make specific comments on this application as the direct effect on Wellington routes is limited and the impact of the Christchurch events on trans-Tasman air travel demand to the Canterbury region is likely to be better quantified by others.

The maintenance of a healthy competitive environment in the market for trans-Tasman air services remains important to the members of our group and we wish to express our continued interest in receiving updates regarding the progress of this application and any future applications to vary the Authorisation Conditions in place.

Yours sincerely,



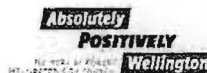
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On behalf of the Wellington Stakeholders Group comprising:

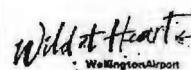
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