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Mr David Hatfield

Director Competition Exemptions – Mergers, Exemptions & Digital

Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC)

GPO Box 3131 Canberra, ACT 2601

By email: exemptions@acc.gov.au



Dear Mr Hatfield,

Re: Board of Airline Representatives of Australia Inc application for revocation of authorisation A91466 and substitution of authorisation AA1000682 – Interested party consultation

Air Niugini is a big supporter of BARA's request for a new authorisation to continue to undertake collective bargaining negotiations for essential aviation services on behalf of member airlines.

For smaller airlines, such as Air Niugini it is imperative that we are able to be part of a collaborative voice that can negotiate such items as airport charges and other essential aviation charges collectively. These costs are significant to airlines and smaller individual airlines would be at a significant disadvantage trying to negotiate these by themselves. We are happy with how BARA handles these negotiations on our behalf.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "MK".

Maree Keygan

Australian Airports Regional Manager

Air Niugini