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Via email: submissions@airways.co.nz

Dear Rob

PROPOSED PRICING FOR FY 26 – 28 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed pricing for FY26 – 28 consultation document. We have reviewed and support the submission of the New Zealand Airports Association.

In addition to the submission provided by NZ Airports Association, Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited makes the following submissions.

We wish to address and challenge the assumption in the consultation document that there will be no increase in the number of Air Traffic Controller FTEs over the next three-year period.

Queenstown Airport continues to experience strong volumes and projects significant growth, and as indicated in our master plan and development planning, a parallel taxiway will be constructed, commencing in the next financial year. This development is crucial to improve the operational efficiency and capacity of the existing runway and airfield, enhance safety and sustainability, and reduce ground delays.

With the construction of the parallel taxiway and the forecast increase in aircraft movements, it is almost certain that Airways will be required to commence managing ground movements at Queenstown Airport. This additional responsibility is beyond the current level of service provided by Airways at Queenstown Airport and will likely necessitate additional resources within the three-year period.

We emphasise the importance of aligning resource allocation with the current demand and projected growth and development at Queenstown Airport. The absence of an increase in ATC FTEs could potentially hinder our collective responsibility to manage the expected increase in aircraft movements and ground operations effectively. We urge Airways to consider this critical aspect and ensure ongoing investment is sufficient to guarantee that currently required resource levels are

achieved and retained, and adequate resources are allocated to support the evolving needs of Queenstown Airport.

We appreciate your consideration of our feedback and look forward to continued collaboration to ensure the safe and efficient operation of Queenstown Airport. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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