

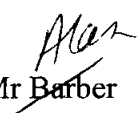


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Dear Mr Barber

**Price Notification: Airservices Australia Pricing Proposal
Notice Pursuant to Section 95Z(5) of the Trade Practices Act 1974 –
Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Service at Ayers Rock Airport**

I am writing in response to the Notice given to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on 14 April 2004 by Airservices Australia (Airservices) pursuant to section 95Z(5) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) in relation to the establishment of an aviation rescue and fire fighting (ARFF) service at Ayers Rock Airport.

Pursuant to section 95Z(6)(b) of the Act, the ACCC's decision is to not object to Airservices's proposal to introduce, in respect of its Ayers Rock Airport ARFF service, a temporary price of \$13.09 (incl. GST) per tonne landed for aircraft with a maximum take off weight of 2.5 tonnes or greater.

The ACCC notes that Airservices is planning to provide shortly a price notification outlining a longer-term pricing structure to apply to all of its regulated services provided at all airports, including the Ayers Rock ARFF service. As such, the ACCC's decision is only intended to establish a temporary price for ARFF services at Ayers Rock Airport until a long-term pricing structure is in place.

The ACCC's reasons for this decision will be forwarded to you shortly and will be made available on the ACCC's public register.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 9290 1862.

Yours sincerely

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