

Media Statement
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BARNZ HAS ITS SAY ON AVIATION SECURITY FUNDING CHANGES

Today BARNZ provided a submission on the Aviation Security Service's (Avsec) funding review. Avsec is funded by levies on passengers, the cost of which is included in airline tickets. The funding review proposes new levies that will apply from 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2022.

Avsec is proposing a fee increase to fund new security standards and initiatives that are intended to improve New Zealand's aviation safety. BARNZ and our member airlines agree that Avsec must be able to respond to the current security environment, but the cost increase is significant and we have encouraged Avsec to find efficiencies in the delivery and operation of new security standards and technologies.

Ultimately these services are paid for by the travelling public and add to the cost of travel. In our submission we call for effective, and cost-efficient services that deliver the quality experience airline travellers deserve.

The BARNZ submission can be found [here](#).

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