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Dear John,

I write following your suggestion that a short note would be helpful to confirm the matters outlined by Mark Prebble in our telephone conversation with you earlier today.

In simple terms, Air New Zealand is in a fragile state.

The rescue package pulled together by its principal shareholders and the New Zealand government envisages an orderly rehabilitation of its finances, including meeting legal obligations associated with the administration and subsequent liquidation of Ansett.

We wished to express concern that any precipitate action taken against the airline's operations, and actions that might attempt to short-circuit the financial reconstruction of the company, could compromise the rescue package. In these circumstances, the ultimate effect may be to prejudice rather than progress the interests of those with financial claims against the company.

We are well aware that not all matters are in your control, but if at all possible I would appreciate your best endeavours to encourage a calm response to the financial difficulties facing all parties.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Anderton MP