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Tēnā koe Ms West

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982 (OIA) – REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION - CHRISTCHURCH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED (CIAL)

1. We write further to our email of 10 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your OIA request (the **Request**) of 10 August 2023 seeking information (if held by CIAL) in relation to Professor Ilan Noy's assessment of the Central Otago Airport.

We have answered your request in this letter and for completeness, we set out your Request below.

Request: Received 10 August 2023 – Professor Ilan Noy's assessment of the Central Otago Airport

"I'd like to see all emails, briefings, meeting notes, correspondence or any other communication which mentions Prof Ilan Noy's analysis of Christchurch Airport's economic impacts."

2. We assume you are referring to the talk whereupon Professor Ilan Noy (**Professor Noy**), alongside two other academic researchers as part of a group of researchers who are collectively known as the 'Informed Leaders' group, addressed Christchurch City Council (the **CCC**) in February 2023. This was regarding Professor Noy's limited assessment of what he claimed were certain potential economic effects of a potential Central Otago Airport.
3. Beyond having viewed a recording of the above deputation to CCC by containing reference to generalised economic effects, and the presentations slides used, CIAL has not received "an analysis" from Professor Noy. As such, it is not in a position to provide you with information which simply does not exist. A copy of the presentation slides are **attached**.
4. We trust we have answered your requests for information. If you require any further information or if we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.

5. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions contained in this letter. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman or make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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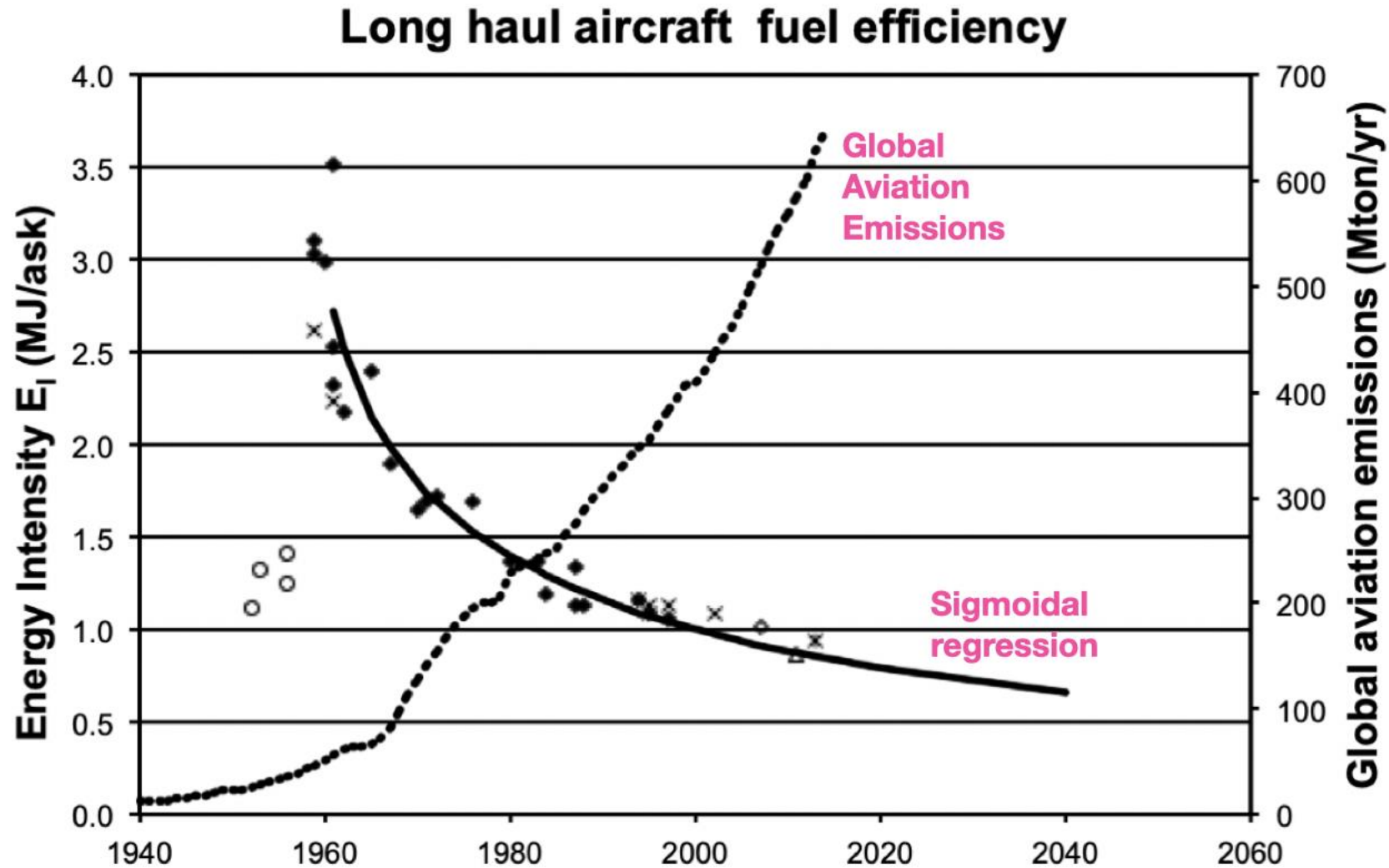
Distinguished Professor James Higham

Professor of Sustainable Tourism, Department of Tourism,
University of Otago

The Tarras Airport proposal is fundamentally at odds with current policy statements, strategy documents and international commitments.

- **Christchurch City Council declared climate emergency 23 May 2019**
- **Environment Canterbury declared climate emergency May 2019**
- **Queenstown Lakes District Council declared climate emergency 27 June 2019**
- **Central Otago District Council declared climate emergency 25 September 2019**
- **New Zealand Government declared climate emergency 2 December 2020**
- **Local Government New Zealand Climate Change Declaration 2017**
- **Destination Queenstown Destination Management Plan 2023**
- **Tourism Central Otago Destination Management Plan 2022**
- **Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's reports (Dec 2019 and Feb 2021)**
- **Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) Tourism Carbon Challenge November 2020**
- **Tourism New Zealand's "100% Pure NZ" Statement of Intent June 2021**
- **Tiaki Promise - November 2018**
- **Tourism Futures Taskforce - December 2020**

Improved aviation energy efficiency does not reduce gross aviation emissions



Source: Gössling and Peeters (2015)

**Absolute zero aviation emissions 2050
can not be achieved with incremental
improvements in today's technologies.**

Source: Absolute Zero: Delivering UK's climate change commitments with incremental change to today's technologies (Universities of Cambridge, Bath, Nottingham, Strathclyde, Oxford and Imperial College).

[...] there's absolutely no way emissions from aviation can keep on growing indefinitely into the future [...]

Sir Jonathan Porritt, Chair, Air New Zealand Sustainability Advisory Panel (2017).

I believe it is difficult to overstate the scale of the energy challenge.

Guillaume Faury, CEO of Airbus. The Guardian, 30 November 2022.

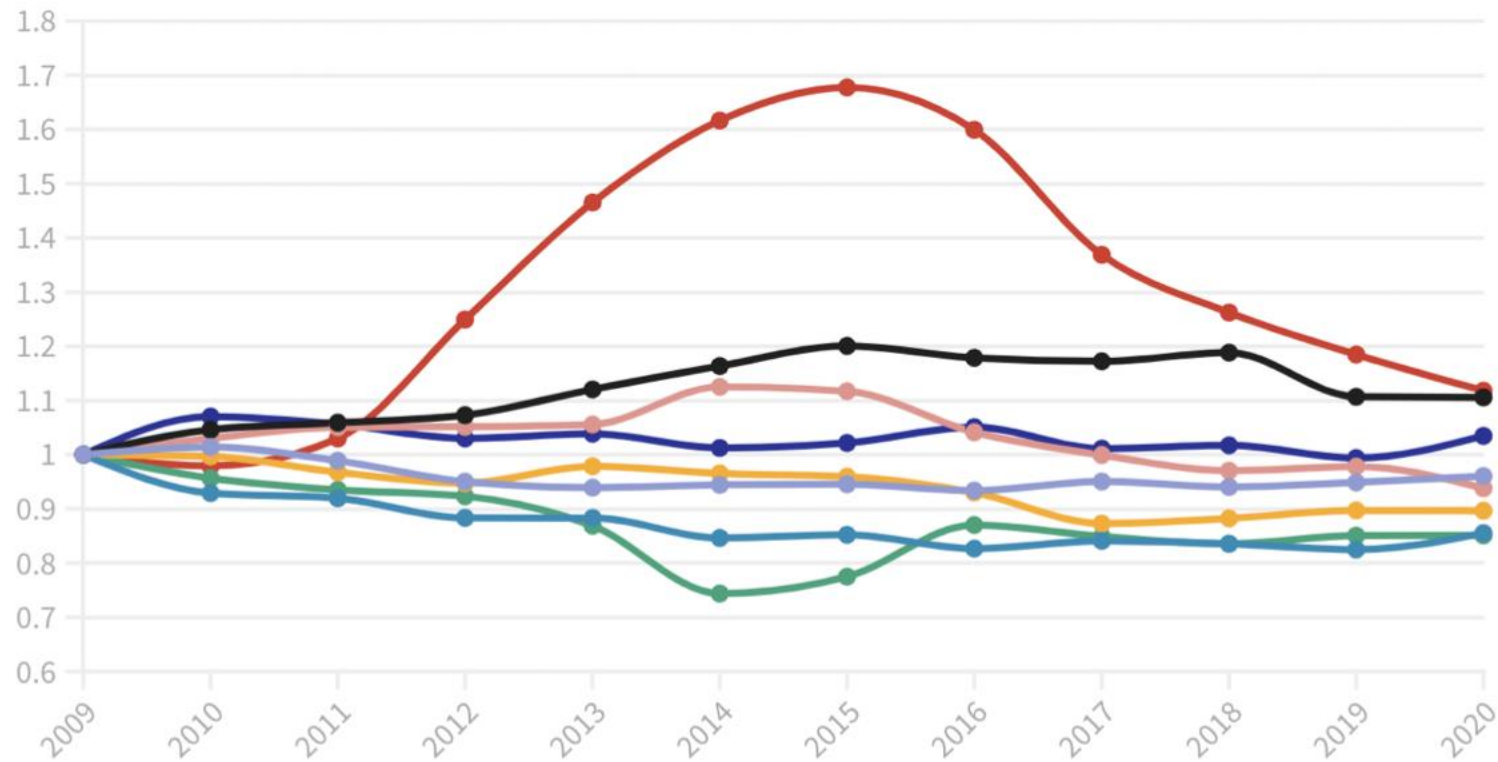
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- **Professor Anita Wreford** (Lincoln University)

Professor Ilan Noy

Chair in the Economics of Disasters and Climate Change, School of Economics and Finance, Victoria University of Wellington

Economic sectors in Canterbury relative to the rest of Aotearoa New Zealand, indexed to 2009, 2009–2021.

■ Manufacturing ■ Construction ■ Accommodation ■ Hospitality ■ IT ■ Real Estate
■ Professional ■ Education



Source: Statistics New Zealand

Chatham Islands has been combined with Canterbury to maintain data quality standards. Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.



Beware sunk cost fallacy

Professor Bronwyn Hayward MNZM

**Department of Political Science and International Relations,
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