



Commission for Aviation Regulation,
Alexandra House,
Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin 2

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Response to Dublin Airport Terminal 2 Operating Costs Assessment

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

I am writing in response to the consultation on the Booz & Company's *Dublin Airport Terminal 2 Operating Cost Assessment*. Our response focuses on the alternative operating scenarios presented in the appendix of the document.

Forfás recognises that it is necessary to explore all options when committing to expenditure, but believes that Base Case scenario of the complete opening of Terminal 2 is the only appropriate action. This view is fully supported by IDA Ireland.

The continued presence of multi-national companies and the attraction of further Foreign Direct Investment to Ireland are crucial to Ireland's economic recovery, export performance and economic growth. Infrastructure and accessibility are key factors in Ireland's ability to draw and maintain international investment. An efficient and modern international airport has an important contribution to make to Ireland's competitiveness, and Terminal 2 will play a significant role in the Government's commitment to sustainable export-led growth as set out in *Building Ireland's Smart Economy*.

A positive image of a modern economy is vital to Ireland's international reputation abroad, and mothballing an impressive piece of infrastructure such as Terminal 2 will tarnish investors' impressions of Ireland.

I hope that you find our comments useful. If you have any queries regarding the submission please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely

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