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Trans Tasman flights under negotiation

Invercargill City Holdings (a company owned by the Invercargill City Council) is conducting negotiations with an Australian airline to provide direct trans-Tasman flights to the city.

Holdco Chairman Norman Elder said while preliminary work had been underway for some months, the Holdco Board and Airport representatives met with a representative of the airline company in Invercargill today.

The airline company did not want to be named publicly until final approvals were given.

Meanwhile Holdco and Invercargill Airport would continue carrying out due diligence and undertake other work to further the negotiations.

“What we can reveal is that the proposed service involves an airline with a long term history. It is not a done deal and there is still a lot of work to be done.

“Realistically it could be up to six months before any announcement is made.”

Cr Elder said that 135,000 people travel between Invercargill Airport and Australia per annum.

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