

**Fortieth Meeting of the
Informal South Pacific ATS Coordinating Group
(ISPACG/40)**

**Brisbane, Australia
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Agenda Item 4: Information and Working Papers

Airservices Australia and Airways New Zealand Contingency

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SUMMARY

Airservices Australia and Airways New Zealand have been in discussion to provide contingency support to each other, particularly given more frequent weather events impacting staffing and facilities.

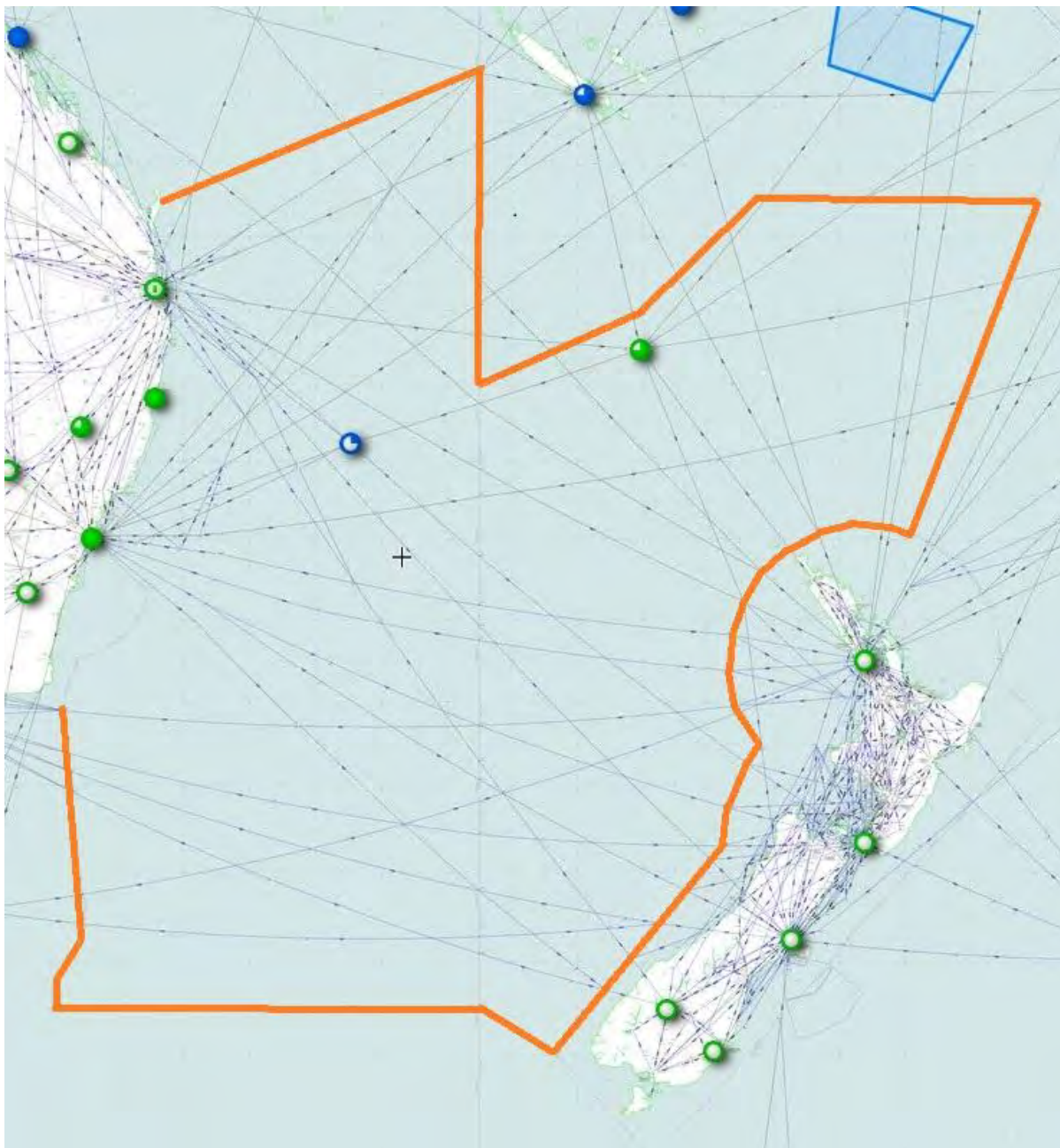
This paper highlights the discussions to date, future goals and the potential collaboration between Airservices and Airways.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Both Airservices and Airways seek to enhance core services with contingency options to provide greater resiliency to their respective operations.
- 1.2 Significant and increasingly frequent weather events impact ATS staff and facilities.
- 1.3 The ability to provide services from geographically different locations improves safety and supports greater cooperation between trans-Tasman ANSPs,

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 Airservices Australia and Airways New Zealand are negotiating a Letter of Agreement to provide contingency HF services for both Brisbane Radio and Auckland Radio.
- 2.2 The proposed area of service includes portions of YBBB and NZZO FIRs, as illustrated below



- 2.2 Upon establishment of the Letter of Agreement, both parties will agree on standard procedures and will undertake regular practice contingency services on HF radio.
- 2.3 Practice contingency services will be coordinated with airline customers.
- 2.4 Airservices and Airways are also drafting contingency routes across the Tasman to enable safe transit between major airports in Australia and New Zealand during events resulting in TIBA airspace.
- 2.5 Future discussions will explore the contingency options for providing a contingency service in controlled airspace, including ATM system options and limitations.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Comment on the paper.
- b) Provide feedback on similar contingency arrangements between neighboring ANSPs and any guidance on service provision and process.