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Hi Damien,

I have had a chat with Air NZ just to get their take on this. Their advice is that they do not want the ear bud cases in checked baggage. One of their main concerns was that if they are allowed through the door is open to other lithium batteries and drawing a distinction is difficult. I also had a look online to try and determine if there are any safety issues and I did find one earbud manufacturer who had recalled their product due to overheating.

I think if AVSEC want to go down this track, it would be best if you liaised with Air NZ first, (and the other airlines), to see if they would consider supporting your position, and if that support is forthcoming then we could consider an exemption.

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Kind regards

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