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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

I refer to the appearance of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the department) before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee at the 2023-24 Additional Estimates hearing on Monday 12 February 2024.

During the hearing, I responded to questions from Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan about instruments made under the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997* (pages 102 and 103 of the Proof Hansard).

I noted that the Sydney Airport Demand Management Regulations were due to sunset on 1 April 2024, and that the Attorney-General's agreement had been sought to defer the sunset date. I also advised that the Sydney Airport Compliance Scheme and the Sydney Airport Slot Management Scheme would not sunset. In fact, the sunset date of all three instruments was 1 April 2024.

Following the hearing, the *Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Sydney Airport Instruments) Certificate 2024* was made by the Attorney-General which deferred the sunset dates for these three instruments until 1 April 2026.

I would appreciate it if you would note this for the information of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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