



**The Hon Darren Chester MP**  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
*Deputy Leader of the House*  
*Member for Gippsland*

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Senator Barry O'Sullivan  
Chair  
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
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Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

  
Dear Senator O'Sullivan

I am writing to request the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (the Committee) extend the reporting date for its Inquiry into the Airports Amendment Bill 2016 (the Bill).

In view of the tragic accident at Essendon Airport and the subsequent investigations underway into its circumstances, I am requesting the Committee to consider extending its Inquiry reporting date to early 2018.

The later reporting date will provide the Australian Government and the Parliament with the opportunity to consider the implications for the Bill of relevant findings or recommendations from the investigations.

The contact officer in the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development in relation to these proposals is Ms Leonie Horrocks, General Manager, Airports Branch, Aviation and Airports Division, who may be contacted on telephone \_\_\_\_\_, mobile \_\_\_\_\_ or email \_\_\_\_\_.

Yours sincerely

**DARREN CHESTER**

