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Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation
Committee
Department of the Senate
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Dear Committee Secretary

Re: Inquiry into Transport Security Amendment (Testing and Training) Bill 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Transport Security Amendment (Testing and Training) Bill 2019* (the bill).

The bill would introduce explicit powers in the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* (Aviation Act) for aviation security inspectors to conduct covert security systems testing to assess compliance of aviation industry participants with their security obligations under the Aviation Act. The bill would also introduce measures into the Aviation Act that would require screening officers to have completed relevant training and hold specified qualifications before exercising their powers at security-controlled airports. The bill includes similar provisions affecting maritime transport and ports.

By way of background, Sydney Airport proactively manages safety and security. Significant investment has been made to enhance infrastructure, design and technology to support safety and security in our operational environment. A well-established safety and security framework is in place, which involves collaboration between Sydney Airport, the Australian Federal Police, government agencies, airlines and tenants at the airport. In addition, our comprehensive governance mechanisms ensure that safety and security policies and procedures are followed at all times.

The Department of Home Affairs has engaged with Sydney Airport about the bill and its purpose. As such, we support the bill and its passage through the Australian Parliament.

If you would like further information, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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