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Dear Sir/Madam

INQUIRY INTO AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2010

I refer to the inquiry into the *Airports Amendment Bill 2010*.

The City of Perth supports the objective of the *Airports Amendment Bill 2010* to provide for improved planning at Australia's airports to facilitate better integration and coordination with off-airport planning and continued investment in Australia's airport infrastructure and land transport links. In particular, the improvement of the major development plan process to more effectively address developments that will have significant impact on the local or regional community.

The City of Perth supports:

- the preparation of administrative guidelines on what may constitute 'significant impact on the local or regional community' for relevant stakeholders;
- the insertion of a new paragraph that will require a major development plan to set out the likely effect of the proposed development on:
 - (i) traffic flows at the airport and surrounding the airport; and
 - (ii) employment levels at the airport; and
 - (iii) the local and regional economy and community, including an analysis of how the proposed developments fit within the local planning schemes for commercial and retail development in the area adjacent to the airport.

The formulation of the administrative guidelines and analysis of the impact of proposed developments on existing commercial and retail development however should take into account the need for broader consultation beyond areas adjacent to the subject airport. Any proposed commercial development should consider the role and function of existing commercial centres, in particular the primary employment, retail and service functions in the Perth central business district. Accordingly, the City of Perth would welcome consultation on major development plans proposing significant increases in commercial floor space on the Perth Airport site.

Yours sincerely

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