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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Airports Amendment Bill 2016 Inquiry**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the Airports Amendment Bill 2016 Senate Inquiry. Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) made a previous submission on the Discussion Paper in 2014 which resulted in the Airports Amendment Bill 2016.

AAL reiterates our position contained in our previous submission and endorses the submission from the Australian Airports Association on this Bill and fully supports the views expressed in their submission.

We would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the following key aspects of the Bill:

#### **Timing for the preparation of Airport Master Plans**

The current five year cycle of review and updating of both the Adelaide and Parafield Airport Master Plans is onerous, does not reflect the strategic long-term nature of such facilities, and provides a significant financial burden to airports and airport customers. AAL fully supports the proposed amendments in the Bill to change smaller airports to an eight (8) year master planning cycle.

#### **Increasing in the monetary value for the preparation of Major Development Plans**

The current monetary trigger for the preparation of Major Development Plans under the *Airports Act 1996* is set at \$20 million. AAL fully supports the increase of the monetary trigger for Major Development Plans to \$35 million (as currently proposed in the Bill) and for this figure to be reviewed and updated annually to account for inflation and increases in construction costs. The change as proposed should increase the ability for airports to unlock the economic and employment potential of on-airport developments.

AAL fully supports the Commonwealth Government's initiative to streamline the regulatory framework prescribed in the *Airports Act 1996* in relation to the preparation of Airport Master Plans and Major Development Plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Bill.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss our submission further.

Yours Faithfully

**ADELAIDE AND PARAFIELD AIRPORTS**

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