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Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
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Dear Sir

SUBMISSION: AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2010

The City of Armadale lodged a submission to the recent Senate Enquiry into Airservices Australia and its effectiveness in managing aircraft noise. The purpose of the submission was to express extreme concern about the lack of consultation of our citizens with regard to changes to aircraft flight paths to and from Perth Airport and the potential deleterious affect of aircraft noise on parts of our hills community.

Although Commonwealth owned airports leased to private companies, such as Perth Airport, are required to prepare Master Plans that strategically address noise impacts , the current planning framework is clearly not working as it was intended.

That is because not all developments on airport sites fall within the trigger criteria that would require broad community consultation and the fact that airports aren't currently required to consult regularly and widely with communities and local planning authorities.

It is pleasing therefore, that the Airports Amendment Bill seeks to address this anomaly by recognising the importance of balancing the legitimate concerns of affected communities for consultation and transparency with a regulatory environment that is conducive to increased infrastructure investment.

Of the four options proposed in the Airports Amendment Bill 2010 to put the necessary reforms in place, the City of Armadale supports Option C, which proposes the establishment of Planning Coordination Forums and Community Aviation Consultation Groups to ensure local governments and affected communities are consulted about strategic airport growth, leading to better targeted and coordinated investments in amenities such as connecting roads. This approach would also enable airports to canvas support for their developments at these planning forums and consultative group meetings.

The opportunity provided for comment on the Airports Amendment Bill 2010 is greatly appreciated and the City looks forward to a positive outcome that addresses present shortcomings.

Yours sincerely

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