

28 July 2010

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on
Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Radcliffe

Re: Inquiry into Airports Amendment Bill 2010 (“the Bill”)

Thank you for your invitation of 6 July 2010 to submit comment on the subject matter of your enquiry namely the above Bill.

Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) as the operator of Adelaide Airport and Parafield Airport (through its wholly owned subsidiary Parafield Airport Limited) is a major stakeholder in the aviation industry and accordingly has a vital interest in this significant piece of proposed legislation.

AAL as a member of the Australian Airports Association (“the AAA”) has had the benefit of sighting the detailed submission made by the AAA to your committee on certain aspects of the Bill. AAL adopts and supports in totality the points made by the AAA in its submission. Accordingly the members of your committee should treat the views expressed by the AAA in its submission as being the views of AAL in respect of the Bill.

By way of emphasis AAL would like to reinforce the concerns raised by the AAA with the increase in the level of discretion conferred upon the Minister by the Bill. As indicated by AAL in the consultation stage “certainty” in the planning process is the cornerstone of any major development of infrastructure.

It is the view of AAL that the extent of discretion conferred upon the Minister is in direct contradiction of this fundamental precept and introduces a degree of subjectivity that is unhelpful, and will in some cases prove fatal, to particular projects.

AAL would therefore respectfully submit that the members of your committee should give particular attention to this important issue.

Should you require any further detail or clarification in relation to any of the above matters please feel free to contact me (08) 8308 9300 or John McArdle (08) 8308 9221. Once again AAL thanks you for the opportunity to make a contribution to the finalisation of this important proposed legislation.

Yours sincerely



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