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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

The Board of Airline Representatives of Australia (BARA) is the industry representative organization that represents the interests of international airlines operating to and from Australia. BARA presently has 36 international airline members.

BARA notes that the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport is presently undertaking an Inquiry about the effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise. For the information of the Committee BARA would like to offer the following comments.

BARA is engaged in regular industry consultation with Airservices Australia. BARA has always found such consultation with Airservices Australia to be conducted in an open, informed and reasonable way.

BARA's consultations with Airservices Australia address, amongst other things, the responsibilities of Airservices Australia regarding air traffic management. The interaction of Airservices Australia's responsibilities for air traffic management with airline operations and resultant aircraft noise effects are a part of the consultations between the parties. It is BARA's view that Airservices Australia manages these matters in an equitable manner.

BARA would support greater guidance for Airservices Australia to ensure that its decision making processes appropriately weigh the trade-offs of noise and emissions when considering changes to air traffic flows.

Please contact the undersigned if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director